

ALGONQUIN FIXED INCOME 2.0 FUND

Management Report of Fund Performance

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For the year ended December 31, 2020

Algonquin Capital Corporation

Investment Manager Toronto, ON, Canada

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Investors may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

In this report, Algonquin Capital Corporation Inc. is referred to as the Manager of the Fund. The "Fund" refers to Algonquin Fixed Income 2.0 Fund. In addition, "net asset value" or "NAV" refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based. All dollar figures are reported in Canadian dollars and are expressed in millions, unless otherwise indicated.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

Algonquin Fixed Income 2.0 Fund (the "Fund") is an alternative mutual fund trust formed and organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario pursuant to a master declaration of trust dated August 20, 2019, as may be amended from time to time (the "Declaration of Trust"). The Fund commenced active operations on December 9, 2019. The address of the Fund's registered office is 40 King Street West, Suite 3402, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3Y2, Canada.

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate positive total returns over the long term and to preserve capital. The Fund will seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective by investing primarily in debt and income producing instruments of governments, corporations and financial institutions in the developed world as well as derivative contracts for investment or hedging purposes. The Fund may also invest in convertible debt securities, fixed-income securities of government agencies or of supranational agencies, floating rate securities, trusts, corporate bonds and loans, exchange-traded funds, limited partnerships, and preferred shares. The Fund may engage in securities lending, repurchase and reverse repurchase transactions and seek exposure that is similar to direct investment in fixed income securities by using credit and interest rate derivatives.

Exemptions from National Instrument 81-102

In order to permit the Fund to engage in the short selling of "government securities" (as that term is defined in NI 81-102) up to a maximum of 300% of the Fund's Net Asset Value ("NAV"), the Fund has obtained exemptive relief from securities regulators from the following provisions of NI 81-102

- (a) Subparagraph 2.6.1 (1)(c)(v), which restricts the Fund from selling a security short if, at that time, the aggregate market value of the securities sold short by the Fund exceeds 50% of the Fund's NAV; and
- (b) Section 2.6.2, which states that the Fund may not borrow cash or sell securities short if, immediately after entering into a cash borrowing or short selling transaction, the aggregate market value of cash borrowing combined with the aggregate market value of the securities sold short by the Fund would exceed 50% of its NAV.

In connection with this exemptive relief, the Fund has implemented the policies, procedures and controls relating to short selling transactions, as described in the Fund's Annual Information Form.

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Leverage

Leverage occurs when the Fund's aggregate gross exposure to underlying assets is greater than the amount invested. Leverage may increase volatility, may impair the Fund's liquidity and may cause the Fund to liquidate positions at unfavourable times.

In accordance with the Alternative Fund Investment Relief obtained by the Fund, as aforementioned, the aggregate exposure of the Fund, to be calculated as the sum of the following, must not exceed 300% of the Fund's NAV: (a) the aggregate value of the Fund's outstanding indebtedness under any borrowing agreements; (b) the aggregate market value of all securities sold short by the Fund; and, (c) the aggregate notional amount of the Fund's specified derivative positions minus the aggregate notional amount of the specified derivative positions that are hedging transactions.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund's lowest and highest aggregate gross exposure was 17% and 230% of the Fund's NAV respectively. The Fund's primary source of leverage was short positions in government fixed income securities. The Fund's strategy is outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

Risk

The continued or prolonged spread of the COVID-19 may have an adverse impact on the Fund as global economic growth is inhibited or declines significantly. The financial markets may be significantly adversely affected by credit losses resulting from financial difficulties of borrowers impacted by COVID-19. COVID-19 may also require certain employees of the Manager or certain key service providers to the Fund to be absent from work or work remotely for prolonged periods of time. The ability of the employees of the Manager and/or other service providers to the Fund to work effectively on a remote basis may adversely impact the day-to-day operations of the Fund. Any similar future outbreak or pandemic could have similar potential adverse effects on the global economy and the Fund.

The major risks for the Fund are credit risk and interest rate risk. The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the Simplified Prospectus. The Fund may be suitable for investors that have low to medium risk tolerance, are seeking exposure to a diversified portfolio of primarily investment grade fixed-income investments and plan to hold their investment for a medium to longer term investment horizon.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, there were no changes affecting the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund. Therefore, the overall level of Fund risk and investor risk tolerance remains as stated in the Simplified Prospectus.

Results of Operations¹

As at December 31, 2020, the Fund has net assets of \$59.93 million with \$61.32 million contributed by Fund investors and \$6.05 million generated from the Fund's performance.

During the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund distributed \$3.06 million to unitholders of which \$2.63 million was reinvested into the Fund. In the same year the Fund's Class A units, Class F units, Class FF units and Class I units earned annualized returns of 8.8%, 10.5%, 9.8%, and 10.6%. There were no unusual trends in sales, redemptions or adjustments to the components of the Fund's revenue and expenses during the reporting period.

The Fund's performance in March 2020 was affected by credit spreads widening sharply, particularly so for short-dated bonds. This shock to credit spreads was largely caused by the global economy unexpectedly and suddenly being put on pause in response to the spread of COVID-19. The response from central banks and governments through stimulus programs injected liquidity

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back into the credit markets resulting in a steady narrowing of credit spreads throughout the second quarter. The Fund shifted away from its defensive stance in early April, using the improved liquidity to invest in resilient issuers which the manager felt could withstand a pandemic induced recession. As a result, the Fund enjoyed three consecutive months of positive returns. During the third quarter the Fund was tilted towards resilient sectors and issuers while mostly shying away from higher-risk issuers and sectors that have been directly affected by the pandemic. The Fund's third quarter performance was driven by profit taking from bank deposit notes, utilities, and grocers while rotating to technology, REITs, and autos. The fourth quarter saw a the Fund outperform the broad market rally due to positions in issuers and sectors that had been laggards in previous quarters and benefitted from the development of COVID-19 vaccines.

Recent Developments

During the year, the Fund did not undergo material changes pertaining to its accounting policies or composition of its Independent Review Committee. There were also no changes to the Fund's risk rating, which remains as described in the Simplified Prospectus. There were no material changes to the strategic positioning of the Fund during the year, nor changes to the Fund's manager. Furthermore, there were no reorganizations, mergers, or similar transactions that had an effect on the Fund, nor are any such transactions planned as of the date of this report.

Looking forward to 2021, with politicians and bankers leaning heavily towards stimulus and multiple vaccines receiving approval for distribution, the Manager expects a strong but uneven recovery. The Manager is focused on three main themes for 2021:

- (i) <u>Security Selection:</u> Generic credit indices have almost recovered to pre-pandemic levels, however, there remains wide dispersion between issuers and sectors. Securities that offer attractive value and the potential for significant performance as economic activity improves are favored by the Manager.
- (ii) <u>Duration Management:</u> In the opinion of the Manager, long-term (> 10 years) yields of under 1% are unlikely to persist as central banks scale back their government bond purchasing programs and inflation begins to inch back towards 2%. As such, the Manager is reducing the Fund's duration and anticipates further reductions through 2021.
- (iii) <u>Credit Curve:</u> The expected rise in long-term yields has made investors reluctant to purchase bonds with maturities greater than 7 years. As a result, credit spreads in long-term maturities remain much wider than pre-pandemic levels and with the Fund being able to hedge interest rate risk to isolate credit risk, the Manager anticipates being able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Related Party Transactions

Management fees:

The Manager receives a monthly management fee for providing its services to the Fund. Services include but are not limited to determining and implementing investment policies, practices, and strategies; ensuring daily operations and administration of the Fund. The management fee varies for each class of units and is calculated and accrued daily based on a percentage of the net asset value of the class of units of the Fund, plus applicable taxes. For the year ended December 31, 2020, the Fund incurred management fees of \$232,179 (December 31, 2019 – \$24).

Approximately 1.1% of total management fees were used to pay for sales and trailing commissions. The remaining 98.9% were used to pay for investment management and other general administration and fund operating expenses.

Expenses:

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The Fund is responsible for all costs incurred in connection with the organization and ongoing activities of the Fund, including but not limited to brokerage commissions and fees, fees associated with securities lending transactions and related transaction fees, taxes, audit and legal fees, fees in connection with the operation of the independent review committee, safekeeping and custodial fees, interest expenses, operating, administrative and system costs, investor servicing costs and costs of financial and other reports to investors, as well as prospectuses, annual information forms and fund facts. Advertising costs and costs of dealer compensation programs are paid by the Manager. The Manager, in its sole discretion, may reimburse a portion or all of the Fund's operating expenses.

Related party unit holdings:

As at December 31, 2020, directors and key management personnel of the Manager, directly or indirectly held 532 Series I units in the Fund (December 31, 2019 – 1,500 Series F units).

Independent Review Committee

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

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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 year indicated. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations. As a result, subtotals are not expected to equal aggregate totals due to the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units being based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the year and all other numbers being based on actual number of units outstanding as at the relevant point in time.

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (1)

	December 31, 2020							
	Ser	ies A	Sei	ries F	Ser	ries FF	Se	eries I
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units,								
beginning of year	\$	100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00
Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of								
redeemable units:								
Total revenue		11.35		14.42		11.07		10.27
Total expenses		(5.18)		(5.32)		(4.26)		(3.57)
Realized gain (loss) for the period		0.24		0.69		0.17		0.02
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period		6.78		5.45		7.03		2.70
Total increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units (2)		13.19		15.24		14.01		9.42
Distributions:								
From net income		(5.71)		(8.66)		(6.06)		(7.72)
From dividends	//	(0.71)		(1.01)		(0.70)		(0.65)
Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)		(6.42)		(9.67)		(6.76)		(8.37)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, end of year	\$	104.26	\$	106.60	\$	104.04	\$	104.14
Ratios and Supplemental Data								
Total Net Asset Value (4)	\$ 8	50,369	\$ 4,	,598,231	\$ 4	9,982,934	\$ 4	1,498,807
Number of units outstanding (4)		8,156		43,136		480,437		43,198
Management expense ratio before reimbursements (5)		2.06%		1.97%		1.03%		0.55%
Management expense ratio after reimbursements (5)		1.77%		1.31%		0.79%		0.24%
Trading expense ratio (6)		0.82%		0.82%		0.82%		0.82%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	44	7.70%	۷	447.70%		447.70%		447.70%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$	104.27	\$	106.60	\$	104.04	\$	104.12

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Net assets, beginning of period

Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable

December 31, 2019

Series F \$100.00

to holders of redeemable units:	
Total revenue	-
Total expenses	-
Realized gain (loss) for the period	-
Unrealized gain (loss) for the period	-
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	-
Distributions:	
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-
From dividends	-
From capital gains	-
Return of capital	-
Total Annual Distributions (2) (3)	-
Net assets, end of period	100.00
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Ratios and Supplemental Data	
Total Net Asset Value (4)	150,000
Number of units outstanding (4)	1,500
Management expense ratio (5)	0.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or	
absorpotions	0.02%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁶⁾	0.00%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	0.00%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$100.00

^{*}The percentages are annualized.

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements for the year indicated.
- (2) Net assets and distributions per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) in net assets per unit from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This information is provided as at December 31, 2020.
- (5) The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on the total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) of the Fund for the stated year expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the year. The Manager in its discretion reimburses the Fund for certain operating expenses.
- (6) The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Fund expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the year.

Financial Highlights (continued)

(7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to an investment fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the fiscal year. The higher the portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by an investment fund in the year 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 investment fund. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of the cost of purchases and the proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the year by the average market value of investments during the year.

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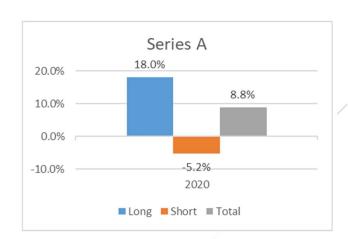
Past Performance

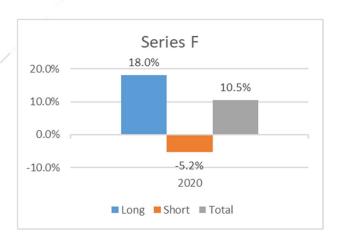
The performance information provided is based on changes in net asset value and assumes reinvestment of all distributions into additional units of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sale, redemption, distribution, or optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance of the Fund does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future. As required under applicable securities regulation, the return of the Fund's long and short portfolio positions is shown in addition to the overall total return.

Year-by-Year Returns

The following charts show the Fund's annual performance for the year ended December 31, 2020. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of the year would have increased in value by the last day of the year.

For the period from commencement of operations on December 9, 2019 to December 31, 2019, the Fund did not make any investments and the assets were held entirely in cash deposited with the custodian. The Series F units of the Fund generated a total return of 0% for the period. There were no Series A, F Founders, or I units issued in 2019.









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Annual Compound Returns

The following table presents the annual compound returns of each series of the Fund and their respective long and short portfolio positions in comparison to the FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index.

The FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index is a broad based index comprised of investment grade corporate bonds issued in Canada and denominated in Canadian dollars. This index includes financial, infrastructure, energy, communication, and real estate industry sectors and is weighted by market capitalization.

	1-Year	Since Inception
Series A	8.8%	8.8%
Long Short	18.0% -5.2%	18.0% -5.2%
Series F	10.5%	10.5%
Long Short	18.0% -5.2%	18.0% -5.2%
Series F Founders	9.8%	9.8%
Long Short	18.0% -5.2%	18.0% -5.2%
Series I	10.6%	10.6%
Long Short	18.0% -5.2%	18.0% -5.2%
Canada All Corporate Bond Index	8.74%	8.74%

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Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2020

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Fund, and is intended to assist in the understanding of the Fund's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2020. Please consult our website at www.algonquincap.com.

Percentage of

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	Total Net Asset
Top 25 Holdings - Long	Value
Westcoast Energy Inc.	16.51%
Cogeco Communications Inc	11.82%
Sobeys Inc.	9.35%
TransCanada PipeLines Ltd.	8.87%
Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust	8.86%
Royal Bank of Canada	8.36%
The Bank of Nova Scotia	8.31%
SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust	8.29%
TD Capital Trust IV	7.95%
Reliance LP	7.56%
Allied Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	7.35%
Ford Credit Canada Co.	7.34%
The Empire Life Insurance Co.	7.09%
Canadian Western Bank	6.87%
Bank of Montreal	6.63%
Choice Properties Real Estate Investment Trust	6.34%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	6.10%
Canadian Government Bond	6.04%
AltaGas Ltd	5.95%
Inter Pipeline Ltd.	5.31%
Suncor Energy Inc.	5.25%
Bell Canada	4.47%
CI Financial Corp	4.11%
Expedia Group Inc.	4.07%
Pembina Pipeline Corp.	3.97%

	Percentage of
	Total Net Asset
Top 25 Holdings - Short	Value
Canadian Government Bond	-155.20%
Bell Canada Inc.	-1.80%
Province of Ontario Canada	-3.66%

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Summary of Investment Portfolio as at December 31, 2020 (continued)

	Percentage of Total Net
By Country/Region	Asset Value
Canadian securities owned	278.17%
U.S. securities owned	15.28%
Canadian securities sold short	-160.67%
Net Canadian securities owned	117.50%
Net U.S. securities owned	15.28%
	132.78%

	Percentage of Total
By Asset Type	Net Asset Value
Preferred shares	26.62%
Cash	-34.61%
Fixed income	106.16%
Other assets liabilities, net	1.83%

	Percentage of Total Ne
By Industry	Asset Value
Financial	140.20%
Utilities	8.76%
Energy	53.11%
Communications	33.74%
Government	6.04%
Consumer, Cyclical	14.95%
Consumer, Non-cyclical	28.12%
Technology	7.48%
Industrial	1.05%
Total investments owned	293.45%
Communications	-1.80%
Government	-158.87%
Total investments sold short	-160.67%
Net investments owned	132.78%

	Percentage of Total
By Maturity	Net Asset Value
0 to 1 years	58.45%
1 to 2 years	32.35%
2 to 3 years	48.59%
3 to 5 years	54.25%
5 to 10 years	79.61%
10 or more years	20.20%
Total Fixed income securities owned	293.45%
Short positions	
0 to 1 years	-46.50%
1 to 2 years	-20.34%
2 to 3 years	-35.86%
3 to 5 years	-34.14%
5 to 10 years	-22.70%
10 or more years	-1.14%
Total Fixed income securities sold short	-160.67%

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