

# MACKENZIE UNCONSTRAINED BOND ETF

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

*For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2023*

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*Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the ETF’s 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

November 13, 2023

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 six-month period ended September 30, 2023 (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.

## Results of Operations

### Investment Performance

During the period, the ETF returned -1.4% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with the Bloomberg Multiverse (Hedged) Index return of -1.9% and the FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bill Index return of 2.2%. Effective April 1, 2023, the Bloomberg Multiverse (Hedged) Index (the "new index"), which includes global investment grade and high-yield bonds, replaced the FTSE Canada 91-Day T-Bill Index (the "previous index") in order to better align with the Fund's investment strategy. 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 elevated inflation, the U.S. Federal Reserve increased its federal funds rate by 50 basis points over the period to a target range of 5.25%–5.50%. High-yield bond prices rose and yields moved lower in response to expectations the U.S. economy might avoid a significant recession. High-yield bond spreads (the difference in yield between high-yield and investment grade bonds) narrowed. In response, high-yield bonds outperformed investment grade corporate bonds. The floating-rate nature of the asset class led to higher interest rates for term loans. Loan prices rose, and loan spreads (the margin by which the interest rate, which fluctuates according to a loan's market price, exceeds the floating reference rate) narrowed.

The ETF outperformed the new index, with underweight exposure to government bonds and holdings in term loans contributing to performance. The ETF underperformed the previous index, with overweight exposure to corporate bonds detracting from performance.

The ETF held government bond futures to manage duration (sensitivity to interest rates), which contributed to performance.

As yields rose over the period, the portfolio management team increased the ETF's duration by increasing exposure to foreign government bonds. Exposure to the United States increased.

### Net Assets

The ETF's net assets decreased by 3.6% during the period to \$877.3 million. This change was composed primarily of \$12.6 million in net losses (including any interest and/or dividend income) from investment performance, after deducting fees and expenses, and a decrease of \$20.1 million due to net unitholder activity (including sales, redemptions and cash distributions).

## Recent Developments

The portfolio management team expects interest rates to remain at elevated levels for longer than initially expected, while economic growth slows because of the impact of earlier central bank rate increases. In emerging markets, the team believes the combination of high yields, inflation that appears to be under control and the likelihood of central bank rate cuts has created an attractive investment backdrop.

The team is cautious about high-yield bonds as economic uncertainty challenges credit fundamentals with tighter spreads. The team also remains cautious about term loans because their floating rates have resulted in higher borrowing costs. The team believes elevated inflation, high rates and weakening demand could lead to greater market volatility and wider loan spreads.

## Related Party Transactions

### Management Fees

The annualized management expense ratio ("MER") for the ETF during the period ended September 30, 2023, 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 0.50%.

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 September 30, 2023, funds managed by Mackenzie owned 2.5% 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 \$0.2 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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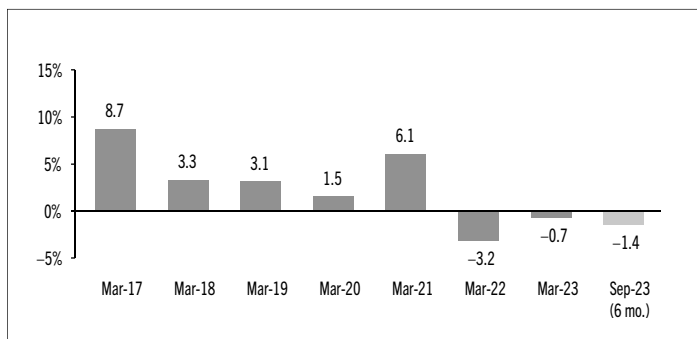
## Past Performance

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.

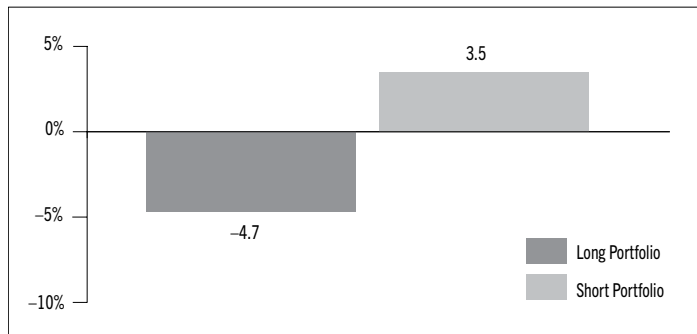
If you hold this ETF outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units of the ETF. The amount of reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the 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 September 30, 2023, before deducting fees and expenses and before the effect of other assets (liabilities).



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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2023

EFFECTIVE PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Bonds	92.0
Bonds	91.3
Short bond futures*	0.5
Long bond futures*	0.1
Purchased options**	0.1
Cash and cash equivalents	3.6
Short-term investments	3.1
Equities	1.2
Equities	1.1
Purchased options†	0.1
Purchased swap options ††	0.1
Swaps‡	–
Written swap options ††	–

EFFECTIVE REGIONAL ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
United States	45.1
Canada	35.7
Other	4.2
Cash and cash equivalents	3.6
Brazil	1.7
Mexico	1.7
Luxembourg	1.4
South Africa	1.3
Ireland	1.0
United Kingdom	0.9
Netherlands	0.9
Germany	0.7
New Zealand	0.5
Japan	0.5
Colombia	0.4
France	0.4

EFFECTIVE SECTOR ALLOCATION	% OF NAV
Corporate bonds	65.4
Foreign government bonds	19.2
Cash and cash equivalents	3.6
Term loans	3.4
Federal bonds	2.8
Foreign government short-term discount notes	2.2
Provincial bonds	0.9
Federal short-term discount notes	0.9
Utilities	0.6
Other	0.3
Energy	0.2
Mortgage backed	0.2
Communication services	0.1
Financials	0.1
Consumer discretionary	0.1

BONDS BY CREDIT RATING §§	% OF NAV
AAA	6.3
AA	15.9
A	5.1
BBB	19.8
Less than BBB	29.4
Unrated	7.1

\* Notional values represent 0.1% of NAV for long bond futures and –19.1% of NAV for short bond futures.

\*\* Notional values represent 11.8% of NAV for purchased bond options.

† Notional values represent 5.0% of NAV for purchased equity options.

†† Notional values represent 11.2% of NAV for purchased swap options and –6.8% of NAV for written swap options.

‡ Notional values represent 4.9% of NAV for swaps.

§§ 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.

The effective allocation shows the portfolio, regional or sector exposure of the ETF calculated by combining its direct and indirect investments.

## TOP 25 LONG POSITIONS % OF NAV

Issuer/Underlying Fund	% OF NAV
Cash and cash equivalents	3.7
United States Treasury 0.50% 04-15-2024 Inflation Indexed	2.7
United States Treasury 0.13% 07-15-2024 Inflation Indexed	2.5
Mackenzie Canadian All Corporate Bond Index ETF	2.2
United States Treasury 3.50% 02-15-2033	2.0
United States Treasury 0% 09-05-2024	1.9
Mackenzie Emerging Markets Local Currency Bond Index ETF	1.8
Mackenzie Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF	1.7
United States Treasury 0.13% 02-15-2052 Inflation Indexed	1.3
Government of South Africa 8.88% 02-28-2035	1.2
Government of Brazil 10.00% 01-01-2027	1.1
International Finance Corp. 7.75% 01-18-2030	1.0
Enbridge Inc. 5.37% 09-27-2077 Callable 2027	0.9
Microsoft Corp. 2.53% 06-01-2050	0.9
America Movil SAB de CV 9.50% 01-27-2031	0.8
Bank of Montreal F/R 11-26-2080	0.8
Continental Resources Inc. 4.90% 06-01-2044 Callable 2043	0.8
United States Treasury 0.13% 01-15-2032 Inflation Indexed	0.8
United States Treasury 0.13% 02-15-2051 Inflation Indexed	0.8
United States Treasury 1.50% 02-15-2053 Inflation Indexed	0.8
Mackenzie Global Sustainable Bond ETF	0.8
Enbridge Inc. F/R 04-12-2078 Callable 2028	0.7
Government of Germany 0% 08-15-2052	0.7
Sun Life Financial Inc. F/R 06-30-2081	0.7
Mackenzie Emerging Markets Bond Index ETF (CAD-Hedged)	0.7

Top long positions as a percentage of total net asset value **33.3**

## TOP 25 SHORT POSITIONS % OF NAV

Issuer	% OF NAV
CDX Written Put Option @ \$97.00 Exp. 11-15-2023	–
Ultra 10-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures	0.1
Euro-OAT Futures	0.1
Japan 10-Year Government Bond Futures	0.1
CME Ultra Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures	0.2

Top short positions as a percentage of total net asset value **0.5**

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 September 30, 2023, 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: MUB)	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	18.31	19.35	20.68	20.17	20.58	20.82
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.50	0.96	0.87	0.78	0.93	1.01
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.40)	(1.08)	(0.34)	0.12	0.36	(0.31)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.30)	0.01	(1.05)	0.19	(0.98)	0.12
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>(0.64)</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>0.19</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding Canadian dividends)	(0.40)	(0.80)	(0.70)	(0.66)	(0.77)	(0.86)
From Canadian dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.11)	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	(0.01)
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.41)</b>	<b>(0.81)</b>	<b>(0.71)</b>	<b>(0.78)</b>	<b>(0.78)</b>	<b>(0.88)</b>
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>17.58</b>	<b>18.31</b>	<b>19.35</b>	<b>20.68</b>	<b>20.17</b>	<b>20.58</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 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, 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: MUB)	Sep. 30 2023	Mar. 31 2023	Mar. 31 2022	Mar. 31 2021	Mar. 31 2020	Mar. 31 2019
Total net asset value (\$000)¹	877,271	909,967	987,662	1,001,064	600,063	403,384
Units outstanding (000)¹	49,900	49,700	51,050	48,400	29,750	19,600
Management expense ratio (%)²	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.58
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)²	0.56	0.56	0.56	0.55	0.55	0.58
Trading expense ratio (%)³	-	0.03	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³	-	0.03	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	15.66	41.83	78.45	63.07	86.29	95.45
Net asset value per unit (\$)	17.58	18.31	19.35	20.68	20.17	20.58
Closing market price (\$)⁵	17.54	18.38	19.34	20.72	20.15	20.64

(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.