

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

*For the Six-Month Period Ended September 30, 2019*

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

November 12, 2019

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, 2019, 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 1.0% (after deducting fees and expenses). This compares with the Solactive Canadian Select Short Term Bond Index return of 1.1%. 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.

The Canadian bond market outperformed the broader global bond market in the period. The Canadian yield curve inverted as mid- and long-term yields fell significantly, while three-month and one-year yields rose. The Bank of Canada kept its policy rate unchanged at 1.75%. However, the central bank suggested it might cut its policy rate if the economic outlook, clouded by trade tensions between the United States and China and weaker global growth, did not improve.

Through the period, the ETF invested substantially all its assets in the bonds that make up the index, holding each bond in approximately the same proportion as its weighting in the index. Alternatively, the ETF may use a sampling methodology to invest in broadly diversified securities that collectively approximate the full index in terms of key characteristics.

The difference in performance between the ETF and the index resulted primarily from management fees and other operating expenses.

Over the period, changes were made to the ETF's holdings to reflect changes in the composition of the index.

### Net Assets

The ETF's NAV was \$4.0 million at September 30, 2019, which was unchanged from March 31, 2019.

At September 30, 2019, 84.4% of the ETF's NAV was held as inventory by the ETF's designated broker primarily for the purpose of sales to investors in the secondary market. As a result of these investments, the ETF is subject to large transaction risk as discussed in the Prospectus. Mackenzie manages this risk to reduce the possibility of any adverse effect 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.

## Recent Developments

Because the ETF is an index fund, neither market expectations nor recent developments affect the composition of the portfolio.

## 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 0.12% during the period ended September 30, 2019, was slightly higher than the MER of 0.11% for the year ended March 31, 2019. On September 20, 2019, the management fee paid by the ETF to Mackenzie decreased to an annual rate of 0.08% from 0.09%.

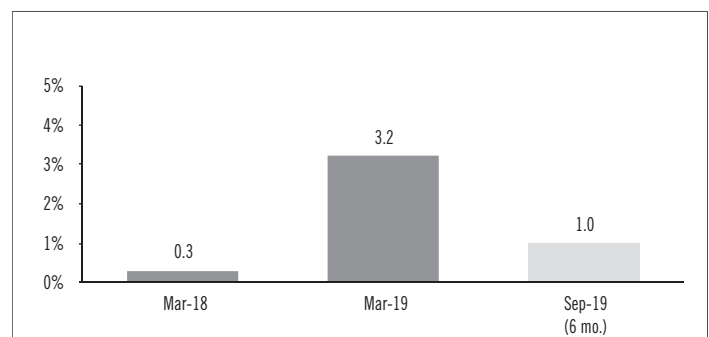
The management fee for the ETF is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The ETF's management fees were used by Mackenzie to pay for the costs of managing the investment portfolio of the ETF, including providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the investment portfolio, providing other services and licensing the index, 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

The ETF did not rely on an approval, positive recommendation or standing instruction from the Mackenzie Funds' Independent Review Committee with respect to a related party transaction because it did not engage in any related party transactions.

## 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 (January 29, 2018), as applicable, would have increased or decreased by the last day of the fiscal period presented.



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## Summary of Investment Portfolio at September 30, 2019

<b>Portfolio Allocation</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
Bonds	99.3
Other assets (liabilities)	0.4
Cash and short-term investments	0.3
<b>Regional Allocation</b>	
	<b>% of NAV</b>
Canada	96.7
United States	1.9
Germany	0.7
Other assets (liabilities)	0.4
Cash and short-term investments	0.3
<b>Sector Allocation</b>	
	<b>% of NAV</b>
Federal bonds	53.1
Corporate bonds	27.6
Provincial bonds	18.6
Other assets (liabilities)	0.4
Cash and short-term investments	0.3
<b>Bonds by Credit Rating*</b>	
	<b>% of NAV</b>
AAA	52.8
AA	22.8
A	18.0
BBB	5.7

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

## Top 25 Holdings

<b>Issuer</b>	<b>% of NAV</b>
Government of Canada 1.00% 09-01-2022	15.5
Canada Housing Trust 2.65% 03-15-2022	13.6
Government of Canada 0.75% 09-01-2021	8.6
Government of Canada 2.75% 06-01-2022	5.1
Canada Housing Trust 2.40% 12-15-2022	5.0
Province of Quebec 4.25% 12-01-2021	3.7
Bank of Montreal 2.27% 07-11-2022	3.5
Province of Ontario 9.50% 07-13-2022	3.3
The Bank of Nova Scotia 2.36% 11-08-2022	3.3
Province of Ontario 3.50% 06-02-2024	3.1
Royal Bank of Canada 2.36% 12-05-2022	3.0
Province of Ontario 1.35% 03-08-2022	2.9
Canada Housing Trust 1.75% 06-15-2022	2.6
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 1.99% 03-23-2022	1.8
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 2.30% 07-11-2022	1.6
Province of Quebec 1.65% 03-03-2022	1.6
The Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.621% 12-22-2021	1.5
Province of Quebec 3.50% 12-01-2022	1.5
Province of Ontario 2.85% 06-02-2023	1.3
Province of British Columbia 3.25% 12-18-2021	1.3
Wells Fargo Financial Canada Corp. 3.46% 01-24-2023	1.2
Government of Canada 9.25% 06-01-2022	1.1
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 1.64% 07-12-2021	1.0
Royal Bank of Canada 1.968% 03-02-2022	0.9
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. 3.31% 02-11-2022	0.8

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

**88.8**

The ETF held no short positions at the end of the period.

The investments and percentages may have changed since September 30, 2019, due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF.



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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: QSB)	Sep. 30 2019	Mar. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2018
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>101.08</b>	100.00	100.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	1.14	2.16	0.37
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.11)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.68	0.29	–
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.76)	0.47	0.06
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations²</b>	<b>0.99</b>	2.81	0.41
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.98)	(2.07)	–
From dividends	–	–	(0.34)
From capital gains	–	–	–
Return of capital	–	(0.01)	–
<b>Total annual distributions³</b>	<b>(0.98)</b>	(2.08)	(0.34)
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>101.25</b>	101.08	100.00

(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.

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## RATIOS AND SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Series E (Ticker: QSB)	Sep. 30 2019	Mar. 31 2019	Mar. 31 2018
Total net asset value (\$000)¹	4,050	4,043	10,000
Units outstanding (000)¹	40	40	100
Management expense ratio (%)²	0.12	0.11	0.10
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions (%)²	0.12	0.11	0.10
Trading expense ratio (%)³	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trading expense ratio before reimbursements (%)³	0.02	0.01	0.02
Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	59.44	107.55	n/a
Net asset value per unit (\$)	101.25	101.07	99.99
Closing market price (\$)⁵	101.25	101.08	100.00

(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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