

# **Interim Management Report of Fund Performance**

for the period ended February 29, 2020

All figures are reported in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

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# **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

#### **Results of Operations**

Renaissance Real Return Bond Fund's (the *Fund*) portfolio advisor is CIBC Asset Management Inc. (*CAMI*, the *Manager* or *Portfolio Advisor*). The commentary that follows provides a summary of the results of operations for the six-month period ended February 29, 2020. All dollar figures are expressed in thousands, unless otherwise indicated.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 27% during the period, from \$189,332 as at August 31, 2019 to \$240,913 as at February 29, 2020. Net sales of \$45,317 and positive investment performance resulted in an overall increase in net asset value.

Class A units of the Fund posted a return of 1.7% for the period. The Fund's benchmark, the FTSE Canada Real Return Bond Index (the benchmark), returned 2.2% for the same period. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return. See *Past Performance* for the returns of other classes of units offered by the Fund.

During the period, the U.S. economy remained relatively strong, benefiting from the continued strength of the U.S. consumer. The inflation rate rose, buoyed by higher food prices. Gains in energy prices also contributed to an increase in the inflation rate late in the period. The U.S. unemployment rate reached its lowest level in 50 years, in response to strong job gains.

The U.S. Federal Reserve Board continued to lower its interest rate and resumed buying securities to grow its balance sheet. U.S.-China trade frictions dominated headlines, leading to a decline in activity in the manufacturing sector. Recession concerns subsided late in 2019 as economic growth improved and investors anticipated a reduction in trade frictions between the U.S. and China.

The Bank of Canada (the *BoC*) held its target overnight interest rate steady at 1.75%, citing a robust labour market and strong inflation. However, the BoC adopted a more cautious tone toward the end of the period as Canadian economic growth slowed and potential risks to

the economy increased. Canada's inflation rate held firm at close to the BoC's 2% target, partly as a result of rising food prices.

The Canadian labour market was robust. The economy added jobs, while the unemployment rate remained close to 40-year lows. However, Canadian economic growth slowed, while business investment and exports both declined as the Canadian economy was impacted by strikes (automotive and rail) and pipeline shutdowns.

Canadian fixed income assets posted positive returns for the period, with riskier assets generally outperforming. Canadian provincial bonds underperformed Canadian corporate bonds, while Canadian federal bonds underperformed both.

However, in the final weeks of February, global recession concerns re-emerged as the spread of COVID-19 disrupted supply chains between China and the rest of the world. In response to concerns about a broad slowdown in economic growth, financial markets reacted severely, leading to lower bond yields and wider credit spreads (the difference in yield between government and corporate bonds of similar maturity). As of the end of February, investment-grade corporate bond spreads had widened sharply. Bond issuance slowed significantly in the latter half of February in response to increased uncertainty and market volatility.

The Fund's moderate underweight allocation to U.S. treasury inflation-protected securities detracted from performance as this segment outperformed Government of Canada RRBs. Individual detractors from the Fund's performance included Government of Canada RRBs (4.25%, 2021/12/01 and 4.25%, 2026/12/01) and Teranet Holdings L.P. (3.27%, 2031/12/01). All three bonds detracted from performance as a result of their shorter durations (a measure of interest-rate sensitivity).

Individual contributors to the Fund's performance included two Government of Canada real return bonds (*RRBs*, 1.25%, 2047/12/01 and 0.50%, 2050/12/01), as well as Government of Canada RRB

(2.00%, 2041/12/01). All three bonds contributed to performance as a result of their large weightings within the Fund.

The Portfolio Advisor increased an existing holding in Province of Ontario (2.00%, 2036/12/01) given its attractive credit spread. Government of Canada RRB (3.00%, 2036/12/01) was trimmed in order to invest in the Province of Ontario bond.

#### **Recent Developments**

The composition of the Independent Review Committee (*IRC*) changed. Don Hunter and Merle Kriss retired effective April 26, 2020. David Forster and Deborah Leckman were appointed as members of the IRC effective April 27, 2020.

The outbreak of COVID-19 (the disease caused by a new coronavirus) in China in December 2019, and its subsequent spread and designation as a global pandemic, has caused a slowdown in global economic activity and sustained market volatility. This has impacted global markets, with the most significant valuation changes occurring since the end of the review period. This has affected, or could affect, the performance of the Fund in an adverse manner.

# **Related Party Transactions**

CIBC and its affiliates have the following roles and responsibilities with respect to the Fund, and receive the fees described below in connection with their roles and responsibilities.

Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund

CAMI, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CIBC, is the Fund's Manager, Trustee, and Portfolio Advisor. As Manager, CAMI receives management fees with respect to the Fund's day-to-day business and operations, calculated based on the net asset value of each respective class of units of the Fund as described in *Management Fees*. As Trustee, CAMI holds title to the Fund's property (cash and securities) on behalf of its unitholders. As Portfolio Advisor, CAMI provides, or arranges to provide, investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund. CAMI also compensates dealers in connection with their marketing activities regarding the Fund. From time to time, CAMI may invest in units of the Fund.

#### Distributor

Dealers and other firms sell units of the Fund to investors. These dealers and other firms include CAMI's related dealers such as the CIBC Investor's Edge discount brokerage division of CIBC Investor Services Inc. (CIBC ISI), the CIBC Imperial Service division of CIBC ISI, and the CIBC Wood Gundy division of CIBC World Markets Inc. (CIBC WM). CIBC ISI and CIBC WM are wholly-owned subsidiaries of CIBC.

CAMI may pay sales commissions and trailing commissions to these dealers and firms in connection with the sale of units of the Fund. These dealers and other firms may pay a portion of these sales commissions and trailing commissions to their advisors who sell units of the Fund to investors.

Brokerage Arrangements and Soft Dollars

The Portfolio Advisor makes decisions, including the selection of markets and dealers and the negotiation of commissions, with respect to the purchase and sale of portfolio securities, certain derivative products and the execution of portfolio transactions. Brokerage business may be allocated by the Portfolio Advisor to CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., each a subsidiary of CIBC. CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp. may also earn spreads on the sale of fixed income securities, other securities, and certain derivative products to the Fund. A spread is the difference between the bid and ask prices for a security in the applicable marketplace, with respect to the execution of portfolio transactions. The spread will differ based upon various factors such as the nature and liquidity of the security.

Dealers, including CIBC WM and CIBC World Markets Corp., may furnish goods and services, other than order execution, when CAMI processes trades through them (referred to in the industry as "soft-dollar" arrangements). These goods and services are paid for with a portion of brokerage commissions and assist CAMI with investment decision-making services for the Fund or relate directly to the execution of portfolio transactions on behalf of the Fund.

The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month.

In addition, the Manager may enter into commission recapture arrangements with certain dealers with respect to the Fund. Any commission recaptured will be paid to the Fund.

During the period, the Fund did not pay any brokerage commissions or other fees to CIBC WM or CIBC World Markets Corp. Spreads associated with fixed income and other securities are not ascertainable and, for that reason, cannot be included when determining these amounts.

#### Fund Transactions

The Fund may enter into one or more of the following transactions (the *Related Party Transactions*) in reliance on the standing instructions issued by the IRC:

- invest in or hold equity securities of CIBC or issuers related to the Portfolio Advisor:
- invest in or hold non-exchange-traded debt securities of CIBC or an issuer related to CIBC, with terms-to-maturity of 365 days or more, issued in a primary offering and in the secondary market;
- make an investment in the securities of an issuer for which CIBC WM, CIBC World Markets Corp., or any affiliate of CIBC (a Related Dealer) acts as an underwriter during the offering of the securities or at any time during the 60-day period following the completion of the offering of such securities (in the case of a "private placement" offering, in accordance with the exemptive relief order granted by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities and in accordance with the policies and procedures relating to such investment);

- purchase equity and debt securities from or sell them to a Related Dealer, where it is acting as principal;
- undertake currency and currency derivative transactions where a Related Dealer is the counterparty;
- purchase securities from or sell securities to another investment fund or a managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager; and
- engage in in-specie transfers by receiving portfolio securities from, or delivering portfolio securities to, a managed account or another investment fund managed by the Manager or an affiliate, in respect of a purchase or redemption of units of the Fund, subject to certain conditions.

At least annually, the IRC reviews the Related Party Transactions for which they have issued standing instructions. The IRC is required to advise the Canadian securities regulatory authorities, after a matter has been referred to or reported to it by the Manager, if it determines that an investment decision was not made in accordance with conditions imposed by securities legislation or the IRC in any Related Party Transactions requiring its approval.

#### Custodian

CIBC Mellon Trust Company is the custodian of the Fund (the *Custodian*). The Custodian holds all cash and securities for the Fund and ensures that those assets are kept separate from any other cash or securities that the custodian might be holding. The Custodian also provides other services to the Fund including record-keeping and processing of foreign exchange transactions. The fees and spreads for services of the Custodian directly related to the execution of portfolio transactions by the Fund are paid by CAMI and/or dealer(s) directed by CAMI, up to the amount of the credits generated under soft dollar arrangements from trading on behalf of the Fund during that month. All other fees and spreads for the services of the Custodian are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC owns a 50% interest in the Custodian.

# Service Provider

CIBC Mellon Global Securities Services Company (CIBC GSS) provides certain services to the Fund, including securities lending, fund accounting and reporting, and portfolio valuation. Such servicing fees are paid by the Manager and charged to the Fund on a recoverable basis. CIBC indirectly owns a 50% interest in CIBC GSS.

#### **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the period ended February 29, 2020 and August 31 of any other period(s) shown.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class A Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 12.19	\$ 11.77	\$ 11.86	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.29	\$ 12.61
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.17
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.21	(0.02)	0.13	0.17	0.12	(0.14)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.03)	0.50	0.11	(0.74)	0.54	0.06
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.72)	\$ 0.70	\$ (0.12)
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.16
From dividends	-	-	-	_	-	_
From capital gains	_	-	-	-	-	_
Return of capital	-	_	-	_	_	_
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.16	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.16
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 12.23	\$ 12.19	\$ 11.77	\$ 11.86	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.29

This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and unaudited interim financial statements.

#### **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class A Units**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 16,389	\$ 16,440	\$ 18,583	\$ 22,332	\$ 32,823	\$ 37,266
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	1,340,338	1,349,173	1,578,295	1,883,128	2,572,697	3,032,112
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.40%*	1.40%	1.40%	1.70%	1.70%	1.70%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	1.85%*	1.90%	1.88%	2.01%	2.03%	1.97%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.00%*	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	2.60%	35.01%	0.13%	14.35%	7.91%	3.47%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 12.23	\$ 12.19	\$ 11.77	\$ 11.86	\$ 12.76	\$ 12.29

<sup>\*</sup> Ratio has been annualized.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This information is presented as at February 29, 2020 and August 31 of the period(s) shown.

Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period.

The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs before income taxes expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. Spreads associated with fixed income securities trading are not ascertainable and, for that reason, are not included in the trading expense ratio calculation.

The portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the portfolio advisor and/or portfolio sub-advisor manages the portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to a fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund 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 a fund.

#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Premium Class Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.33	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.83	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.69
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.19
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.17	(0.01)	0.11	0.11	0.10	(0.17)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.01)	0.39	0.11	(0.40)	0.43	0.11
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.23	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.01
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.19
From dividends	-	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	-	_	_	_	_	_
Return of capital	-	-	_	_	_	_
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.14	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.28	\$ 0.19
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.33	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.83	\$ 10.42
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and unaudited interim financial statements.

# **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Premium Class Units**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,650	\$ 2,184	\$ 388	\$ 365
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	135,097	133,176	165,466	217,491	35,797	35,048
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.16%*	1.15%	1.14%	1.13%	1.16%	1.16%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	1.23%*	1.24%	1.23%	1.22%	1.25%	1.25%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.00%*	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	2.60%	35.01%	0.13%	14.35%	7.91%	3.47%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 10.36	\$ 10.33	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.04	\$ 10.83	\$ 10.42

<sup>\*</sup> Ratio has been annualized.

Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The total increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding during the period.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Management expense ratio is based on the total expenses of the fund (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs), incurred by or allocated to a class of units for the period shown, expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value of that class during the period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The decision to waive and/or absorb management fees and operating expenses is at the discretion of the Manager. The practice of waiving and/or absorbing management fees and operating expenses may continue indefinitely or may be terminated at any time without notice to unitholders.

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# The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Class F Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.72	\$ 10.34	\$ 10.37	\$ 11.17	\$ 10.74	\$ 11.01
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.99
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.07)	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.10)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.18	0.04	0.10	0.16	0.10	(1.02)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.04)	0.57	0.19	(0.62)	0.50	(0.15)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.19	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.35	\$ (0.50)	\$ 0.73	\$ (0.28)
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.21
From dividends	-	_	_	_	_	-
From capital gains	_	-	_	-	_	-
Return of capital	-	_	_	_	_	_
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.21
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 10.76	\$ 10.72	\$ 10.34	\$ 10.37	\$ 11.17	\$ 10.74
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual and unaudited interim financial statements.

# **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class F Units**

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	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 1,103	\$ 1,204	\$ 1,099	\$ 559	\$ 583	\$ 602
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	102,561	112,335	106,356	53,874	52,161	56,007
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.64%*	0.65%	0.65%	0.91%	0.91%	0.90%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	0.88%*	0.93%	0.93%	1.04%	1.04%	1.05%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.00%*	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	2.60%	35.01%	0.13%	14.35%	7.91%	3.47%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 10.76	\$ 10.72	\$ 10.34	\$ 10.37	\$ 11.17	\$ 10.74

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#### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit1 - Class O Units

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.13	\$ 11.20	\$ 12.06	\$ 11.57	\$ 11.82
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.31
Total expenses	-	_	_	_	_	_
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.18	(0.01)	0.12	0.17	0.11	(0.30)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.08	0.53	0.14	(0.65)	0.54	_
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.35	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.39	\$ (0.42)	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.01
Distributions:						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.30
From dividends	-	_	_	_	_	_
From capital gains	-	_	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	_	_	_	_	_
Total Distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.30
Net Assets, end of period	\$ 11.60	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.13	\$ 11.20	\$ 12.06	\$ 11.57
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# **Ratios and Supplemental Data - Class O Units**

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Total Net Asset Value (000s) <sup>4</sup>	\$ 222,021	\$ 170,313	\$ 163,509	\$ 185,265	\$ 180,959	\$ 166,160
Number of Units Outstanding <sup>4</sup>	19,141,277	14,741,164	14,690,168	16,546,672	15,005,547	14,365,985
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.00%*	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>6</sup>	0.01%*	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>7</sup>	0.00%*	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>8</sup>	2.60%	35.01%	0.13%	14.35%	7.91%	3.47%
Net Asset Value per Unit	\$ 11.60	\$ 11.55	\$ 11.13	\$ 11.20	\$ 12.06	\$ 11.57

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#### **Management Fees**

The Fund pays CAMI an annual management fee to cover the costs of managing the Fund. Management fees are based on the Fund's net asset value and are calculated daily and paid monthly. Management fees are paid to CAMI in consideration for providing, or arranging for the provision of, management, distribution, and portfolio advisory services. Advertising and promotional expenses, office overhead expenses related to the Manager's activities, and trailing commissions are paid by CAMI out of the management fees received from the Fund. The Fund is required to pay applicable taxes on the management fees paid to CAMI. Refer to the simplified prospectus for the annual management fee rate for each class of units.

For Class O units, the management fee is negotiated with and paid by, or as directed by, unitholders or dealers and discretionary managers on behalf of unitholders. Such Class O management fee will not exceed the Class F unit management fee rate.

The following table shows a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees collected from the Fund for the period ended February 29, 2020. These amounts do not include waived fees or absorbed expenses.

	Class A Units	Premium Class Units	Class F Units
Sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers	47.45%	44.23%	0.00%
General administration, investment advice, and profit	52.55%	55.77%	100.00%

#### **Past Performance**

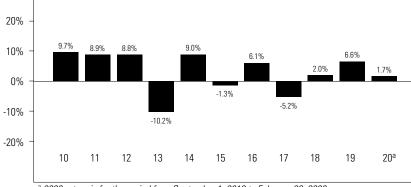
The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how a fund will perform in the future.

The Fund's returns are after the deduction of fees and expenses, and the difference in returns between classes of units is primarily due to differences in the management expense ratio. See *Financial Highlights* section for the management expense ratio.

# **Year-by-Year Returns**

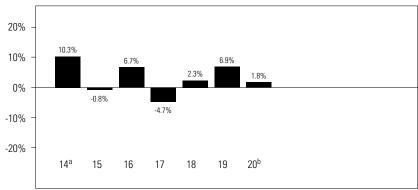
These bar charts show the annual performance of each class of units of the Fund for each of the periods shown, and illustrate how the performance has changed from period to period. These bar charts show, in percentage terms, how an investment made on September 1 would have increased or decreased by August 31, unless otherwise indicated.

Class A Units



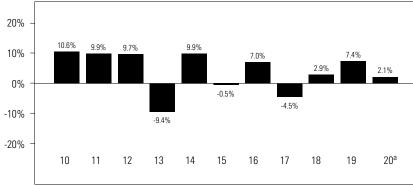
<sup>a</sup> 2020 return is for the period from September 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

# Premium Class Units



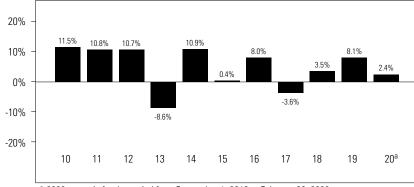
<sup>a</sup> 2014 return is for the period from December 2, 2013 to August 31, 2014. <sup>b</sup> 2020 return is for the period from September 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

# Class F Units



<sup>a</sup> 2020 return is for the period from September 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

# Class O Units



<sup>a</sup> 2020 return is for the period from September 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020.

# Summary of Investment Portfolio (as at February 29, 2020)

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. A quarterly update is available by visiting www.renaissanceinvestments.ca. The Top Positions table shows a fund's 25 largest positions. For funds with fewer than 25 positions in total, all positions are shown. Cash and cash equivalents are shown in total as one position.

	% of Net Asset
Portfolio Breakdown	Value
Government of Canada & Guaranteed Bonds	70.6
Foreign Currency Bonds	18.2
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.9
Corporate Bonds	4.0
Provincial Government & Guaranteed Bonds	3.4
Forward & Spot Contracts	-0.5
Other Assets, less Liabilities	-2.6

	% of Net Asset
Top Positions	Value
Government of Canada, Real Return, 1.25%, 2047/12/01	15.0
Government of Canada, Real Return, 2.00%, 2041/12/01	11.1
Government of Canada, Real Return, 4.25%, 2026/12/01	10.6
Government of Canada, Real Return, 4.00%, 2031/12/01	9.2
United States Treasury Bond, Inflation Indexed, 2.50%, 2029/01/15	8.0
United States Treasury Bond, Inflation Indexed, 0.63%, 2023/04/15	8.0
Government of Canada, Real Return, 4.25%, 2021/12/01	7.9
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.9
Government of Canada, Real Return, 1.50%, 2044/12/01	6.5
Government of Canada, Real Return, 3.00%, 2036/12/01	5.3
Government of Canada, Real Return, 0.50%, 2050/12/01	4.9
Teranet Holdings L.P., Callable, 3.27%, 2031/12/01	4.0
Province of Ontario, Real Return, 2.00%, 2036/12/01	3.4
United States Treasury Bond, Inflation Indexed, 1.00%, 2048/02/15	2.2
Forward & Spot Contracts	-0.5
Other Assets, less Liabilities	-2.6

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