



# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

June 30, 2021

**Beutel Goodman Short Term Bond Fund**

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

This Fund seeks to maximize portfolio returns through capital enhancement and investment income.

The Fund invests primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of short term fixed income securities of Canadian government and corporate issuers. The bonds have a credit rating of BBB or higher by a recognized rating agency. The average portfolio duration of the Fund is 2 to 4 years.

### Risk

There were no significant changes to the investment objectives or strategies that affected the Fund's overall level of risk during the period. The risks of investing in this Fund and the suitability of the Fund for investors remain as discussed in the Prospectus.

There were no changes to the Fund's risk rating during the reporting period.

### Results of Operations

Over the six-month period ended June 30, 2021, Beutel Goodman Short Term Bond Fund (the "Fund"), Class B declined 0.75% versus a decline of 0.52% for the benchmark, the FTSE Canada Short Term Bond Index. Unlike the benchmark, the Fund's return is net of fees and expenses paid by the Fund. Detailed performance is provided under the heading "Past Performance" in this report.

The period was a roller-coaster ride for investors. New lockdowns were enforced around the world amid the third wave of the pandemic and the emergence of new COVID-19 variants. The period also saw violence in the U.S. and the storming of the Capitol building on January 6, although the swearing in of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the United States on January 20 proceeded peacefully.

One of the biggest stories specific to bond markets over the period was the sell-off in Treasuries and Government of Canada bonds in February and early March. The size of the moves was significant, with the U.S. 10-year Treasury bond yield rising from 0.91% at the end of December to 1.75% in March and the Canadian 10-year soaring from 0.68% to 1.56% over the same timeframe. The rise in yields was driven primarily by the market pricing in expectations for accelerated growth and consequently, inflation moving to 2% - 2.5%. Bond yields then reversed course in June, resulting in confusion and yields falling across all curves.

### Key Drivers of Performance

- Sector allocation, specifically an overweight positioning in corporate bonds, contributed to the Fund's relative performance. Corporate bond spreads tightened over the period as central banks maintained their dovish tone.
- Security selection among government bonds contributed to performance. The underweight position in agency bonds contributed to the Fund's relative performance.
- Security selection among corporate bonds contributed to performance through the Fund's overweight positioning in the Energy and Financials sectors.

### Portfolio Activity

- The portfolio management team (the "team") employs macroeconomic analysis, rigorous bottom-up credit research and proprietary risk-management tools to search for opportunities where the market has mispriced risk and reward. As a by-product of the team's investment process, market performance and general management activity, the following changes occurred in the Fund's portfolio during the reporting period:
  - The Fund's weightings in federal government bonds increased while weightings in provincial government bonds decreased over the period.
  - The Fund's level of cash and cash equivalents increased over the period.

### Recent Developments

During the period, Beutel Goodman announced the annual management fee for the Fund will be reduced by eight basis points (0.08%) for Classes B and F effective July 1, 2021.

On April 26, 2021, Ryan Laird, MBA, CFA joined the company as Credit Analyst, Fixed Income. With the addition of Ryan Laird to the Fixed income team, Mary Crowe, CFA transitioned from the Fixed Income team to the Canadian Equities team. There has been no impact on the portfolios as a result of these changes, nor does Beutel Goodman expect there to be.

Strong economic growth bodes well for risk assets as the increase in consumer spending is expected to start to reflect in quarterly earnings. However, despite this backdrop, it also means that we are likely headed for a difficult credit environment in terms of spreads. Credit spreads tightened significantly in the second quarter, essentially erasing last year's credit-spread widening from the pandemic and the decline in commodity prices. As a result, we believe caution is warranted as the risk of bubbles increases.

Although we remain overweight credit in anticipation of a continued strong economic recovery, we have also moved to a shorter-duration positioning. As the expectation builds for rate hikes, we expect to continue to reduce duration. As rate hikes will likely only be implemented if economic growth is strong, we will initially want to be fully exposed to risk assets, although we recognize that as rates rise, financial conditions tighten. As always, we will monitor the situation and our credit allocation will be reflective of our macro views.

### Market Risk 2021

The impact of the coronavirus ("COVID-19") pandemic on the financial performance of the Fund's investments will depend on future developments, including the duration and spread of the outbreak and related advisories and restrictions. This public health crisis and the impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets and the overall economy are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. If the financial markets and/or the overall economy continue to be impacted for an extended period, the Fund's future investment results may be materially adversely affected.

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## Related Party Transactions

Beutel, Goodman & Company Ltd. ("BG") is the Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Advisor to this Fund. The Fund pays a management fee to BG as compensation for its services. The Fund pays a fixed administration fee to BG, which in turn pays certain operating expenses of the Fund. BG as trustee of the Fund earns a fee which is paid by the Manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

The Fund did not rely on any recommendation or approval of its Independent Review Committee to proceed with any transaction involving related parties because it did not conduct any related party transactions, except for certain inter-fund trades and the management and administrative fees as described above, as approved by the Independent Review Committee by standing instructions, and subject to regulatory requirements.

**Management Fees:** As Manager, BG is paid a management fee from each class of the Fund based on the average daily net asset value of the particular class. The fee is payable monthly, in arrears, and is calculated at the annualized rate specified for each class of the Fund as set out in the table below. Management fees for Class I units are negotiated and paid directly by the investor, not by the Fund, and, therefore, are not listed.

	As a Percentage of Management Fees		
	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate %	Dealer Compensation %	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit %
Class B	1.00	50	50
Class F	0.50	0	100

**Administration Fee:** The Manager receives a fixed administration fee to pay certain operating expenses of the Fund. These expenses include audit and legal fees; custodian and transfer agent fees; costs attributable to the issue, redemption and change of units, including the cost of the security holder record-keeping system; expenses incurred in respect of preparing and distributing all regulatory reports; fund accounting and valuation costs; independent review committee fees and filing fees, including those incurred by us. The administration fee may vary by class of units and by Fund.

BG, as trustee of the Fund, earns a fee which is paid by the Manager from the administration fee paid by the Fund.

# Beutel Goodman Short Term Bond Fund

## 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 6 month period ended June 30 of the current year and for the past 5 years ended December 31. The December 31 information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements and is provided for each class of units.

### Financial Highlights per unit

#### Class B Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2021 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.86	9.44	9.27	9.25	9.43	9.54
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.25	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.26
Total expenses	(0.06)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.01	0.14	0.01	(0.28)	(0.10)	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.13)	0.20	0.07	0.18	(0.11)	(0.10)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	(0.07)	0.52	0.29	0.10	(0.03)	–
<b>Distributions to unitholders per unit:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.12	0.14
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–
From return of capital	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total period distributions<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.12	0.14
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	9.73	9.86	9.44	9.27	9.25	9.43

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

#### Class B Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2021 and years ended December 31)

	June 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total net asset value (\$) (000's)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	64	63	180	270	352	113
<b>Number of outstanding units (000's)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	7	6	19	29	38	12
<b>Management expense ratio<sup>(5)</sup></b>	1.24%	1.23%	1.24%	1.24%	1.24%	1.24%
<b>Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>(6)</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Portfolio turnover rate<sup>(7)</sup></b>	93%	152%	120%	194%	126%	275%
<b>Trading expense ratio (%)<sup>(8)</sup></b>	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net asset value per unit, end of period</b>	9.73	9.86	9.44	9.27	9.25	9.43

### Financial Highlights per unit

#### Class F Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2021 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.59	9.28	9.20	9.28	9.46	9.57
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.24	0.25
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.01	0.15	0.01	(0.27)	(0.12)	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.13)	0.15	0.06	0.19	(0.04)	(0.08)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	(0.04)	0.49	0.27	0.11	0.02	0.08
<b>Distributions to unitholders per unit:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.08	0.18	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.20
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–
From return of capital	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total period distributions<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.08	0.18	0.20	0.18	0.17	0.20
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	9.47	9.59	9.28	9.20	9.28	9.46

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

#### Class F Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2021 and years ended December 31)

	June 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total net asset value (\$) (000's)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	2,947	2,589	2,713	2,488	1,938	2,787
<b>Number of outstanding units (000's)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	311	270	292	270	209	295
<b>Management expense ratio<sup>(5)</sup></b>	0.64%	0.64%	0.65%	0.66%	0.67%	0.66%
<b>Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>(6)</sup></b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Portfolio turnover rate<sup>(7)</sup></b>	93%	152%	120%	194%	126%	275%
<b>Trading expense ratio (%)<sup>(8)</sup></b>	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Net asset value per unit, end of period</b>	9.47	9.59	9.28	9.20	9.28	9.46

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### Financial Highlights per unit

#### Class I Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2021 and years ended December 31)

\$	June 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Net assets, beginning of period</b>	9.65	9.33	9.26	9.34	9.52	9.63
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.25	0.26	0.24	0.24	0.25
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.02	0.15	0.01	(0.35)	(0.14)	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	0.13	0.05	0.22	(0.04)	(0.06)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(1)</sup></b>	(0.02)	0.53	0.32	0.11	0.06	0.16
<b>Distributions to unitholders per unit:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	0.11	0.24	0.26	0.24	0.23	0.26
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
From return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total period distributions<sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.11	0.24	0.26	0.24	0.23	0.26
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	9.52	9.65	9.33	9.26	9.34	9.52

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

#### Class I Units

(for the period ended June 30, 2021 and years ended December 31)

	June 2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
<b>Total net asset value (\$) (000's)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	92,881	101,464	86,232	63,600	176,697	208,811
<b>Number of outstanding units (000's)<sup>(4)</sup></b>	9,755	10,520	9,239	6,870	18,928	21,940
<b>Management expense ratio<sup>(5)</sup></b>	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.04%	0.05%
<b>Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions<sup>(6)</sup></b>	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	N/A
<b>Portfolio turnover rate<sup>(7)</sup></b>	93%	152%	120%	194%	126%	275%
<b>Trading expense ratio (%)<sup>(8)</sup></b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net asset value per unit, end of period</b>	9.52	9.65	9.33	9.26	9.34	9.52

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- (1) Net asset value per unit and distributions to unitholders per unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding for the relevant class at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding for the relevant class over the fiscal period.
- (2) Distributions were paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund.
- (3) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (4) This information is provided as at period end of the period shown.
- (5) 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.
- (6) The Manager may have waived or absorbed some of the fund expenses. If this had occurred, the management fee ratio before any such waiver or absorption is listed. The Manager may terminate the waiver or absorption at any time, at its discretion. It is not known when such waivers or absorptions will be terminated.
- (7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the fiscal year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the 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 higher turnover rate and the performance of a Fund. Portfolio turnover rate equals the lesser of the costs of purchases and proceeds of sales of portfolio securities for the period divided by the average value of the portfolio securities of the Fund calculated on a monthly basis, excluding short-term securities.
- (8) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs disclosed in the Statements of Comprehensive Income expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value of the Fund during the period.

## Past Performance

The performance returns below:

- are calculated as of **December 31** in each year and for the **first 6 months** of the current year;
- assume **all distributions** made by the Fund **are reinvested** to purchase additional units; and
- show the returns of the particular class of the Fund after any applicable management fees and operating expenses have been deducted, **but are not reduced by any redemption charges, optional charges or income taxes payable by you that would have reduced returns on performance.**

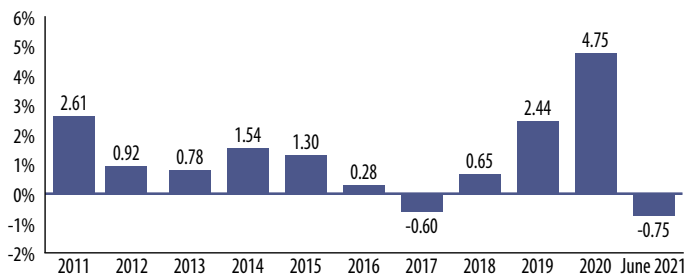
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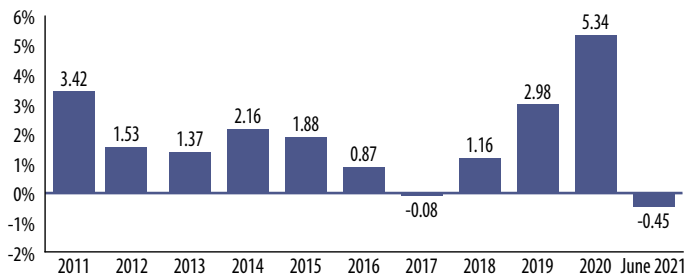
## Year-by-Year Returns

The bar chart indicates the Fund's annual performance for each of the year's shown and for the current 6 month period, illustrating how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows in percentage terms how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year or period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year or period.

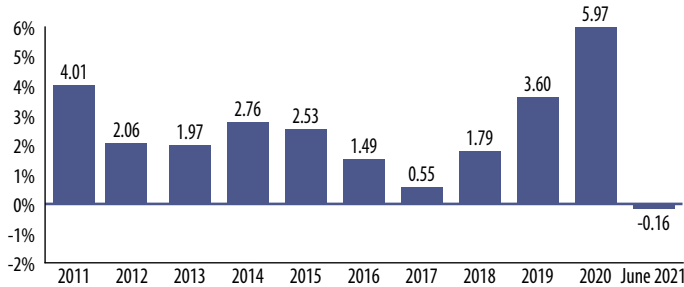
### Class B



### Class F



### Class I





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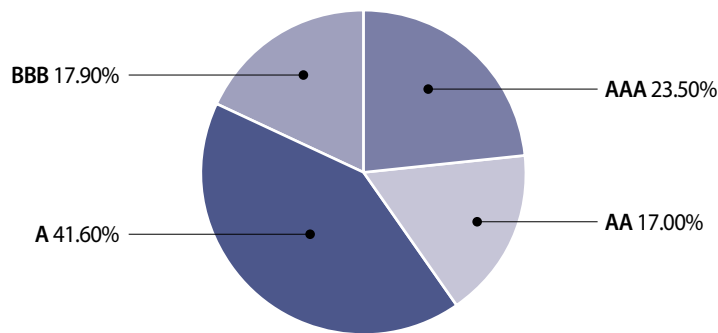
## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following information may change due to the ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. More current information regarding the holdings of the Fund may be obtained on our website at [www.beutelgoodman.com](http://www.beutelgoodman.com).

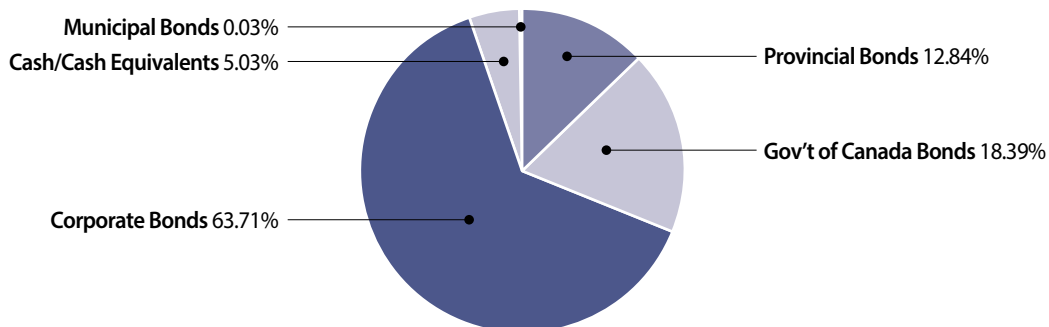
### Summary of Top 25 Holdings

Issuer Name	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	% of Net Assets	Issuer Name	Coupon Rate (%)	Maturity Date	% of Net Assets
1. Canadian Government Bond	1.500	1-Jun-23	6.94	15. Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	1.450	16-Nov-23	2.71
2. Province of Ontario	2.600	2-Jun-25	6.70	16. Canadian Government Bond	0.500	1-Sep-25	2.51
3. Province of Ontario	2.600	8-Sep-23	4.97	17. Manulife Bank of Canada	1.340	26-Feb-26	2.18
4. Government of Canada	0.109	2-Sep-21	4.86	18. The Toronto-Dominion Bank	1.890	8-Mar-28	2.00
5. Royal Bank of Canada	3.300	26-Sep-23	4.78	19. Union Gas Ltd.	4.850	25-Apr-22	1.94
6. Bank of Montreal	2.850	6-Mar-24	4.36	20. Vancouver Airport Fuel Facilities Corp.	2.170	23-Jun-25	1.88
7. Toronto Hydro Corp.	2.910	10-Apr-23	4.29	21. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	0.620	4-Mar-25	1.77
8. Canadian Mortgage Pools	1.840	1-Dec-22	4.13	22. VW Credit Canada Inc.	1.200	25-Sep-23	1.73
9. Enbridge Pipelines Inc.	6.350	17-Nov-23	3.73	23. PSP Capital Inc.	0.900	15-Jun-26	1.58
10. The Toronto-Dominion Bank	3.590	14-Sep-28	3.57	24. Bank of Montreal	2.270	11-Jul-22	1.56
11. Canadian Government Bond	1.000	1-Sep-22	3.20	25. Honda Canada Finance Inc.	0.530	26-Feb-24	1.54
12. HSBC Bank Canada	1.780	20-May-26	2.97				
13. Bank of America Corp.	1.980	15-Sep-27	2.95				
14. Intact Financial Corp.	4.130	31-Mar-81	2.93				

Bond Quality



Asset Mix





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