

# CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the period ended December 31, 2024

### Disclosure

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-855-292-9655, by writing to us at Suite 3000, 10303 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5J 3X6, by visiting our website at [www.cwbwealth.com](http://www.cwbwealth.com), or by visiting SEDAR at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

CWB Wealth Management Ltd. (CWB WM) is the manager of the fund, and a wholly owned subsidiary of National Bank of Canada.

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This report may contain forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to, statements about the Fund, its strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as “anticipates”, “believes”, “estimates”, “expects”, “intends”, “plans”, “may”, or future or conditional verbs such as “will”, “should”, “would” and “could”, and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof. In addition, any statement that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action, is also a forward-looking statement.

Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and projections about future general economic, political, and relevant market factors, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, and the general economic and business environment, in each case assuming no material changes to applicable tax or other laws, government regulations, or policies.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, which give rise to the possibility that the Fund’s predictions, forecasts, projections, expectations, and conclusions will not prove to be accurate, and that its assumptions may not be correct.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. A variety of factors, many of which are beyond the Fund’s control, may cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political, and relevant market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events, including natural disasters, pandemics, war and other risks described in the Fund’s current simplified prospectus. The above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive.

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# Management Discussion of the Performance of the CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund

## Investment Objectives and Strategies

The investment objective of the CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund (the “Fund”) is to provide unit holders with steady income and some principal growth, while preserving principal and reducing volatility, by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities and preferred shares.

The Fund will invest in fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by governments and corporations globally. Convertible debentures, non-investment grade corporate debt, emerging market bonds and preferred shares are fixed income categories that may be utilized within the overall asset mix of the Fund to enhance yield and manage risk. The Fund can invest up to 30% of the Fund’s assets in foreign securities of which the currency exposure denominated in foreign currencies may be actively managed.

## Risks

No changes to the Fund affecting the Fund’s overall level of risk were made during the 12-month period ended December 31, 2024 (the “Period”). The risks of investing in the Fund and the suitability of the Fund for investors remain as discussed in the Fund’s most recent simplified prospectus or any amendments or fund facts.

## Results of Operations

Over the Period, the Fund’s net assets increased by \$7,325,354 to \$190,093,913. This reflects an increase of \$13,372,192 from investment performance, distributions to unitholders of \$7,262,887, and net contributions of \$1,216,049.

Series A of the Fund returned 6.14% over the Period versus the Fund’s internal benchmark (the “Fund Benchmark”), the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, which returned 4.23% over the Period. Unlike the Fund Benchmark, the Fund’s return is calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses. Returns for Series O of the Fund may vary, largely due to differences in fees and expenses.

With inflation moving into the Bank of Canada’s (BoC) target range of 1.0 - 3.0%, the central bank could start to reduce interest rates. The BoC lowered interest rates to 3.25% from 5.00% at the start of the year, with the bulk of the rate cuts happening in the second half of the year. Globally, the picture was similar with inflation generally moving lower to more normal levels, allowing central banks to cut rates. Short yields responded to these bank rate cuts by declining over the year. Longer-term yields had limited year-on-year movement. This is consistent with the market’s belief that long-term inflation will remain subdued—approximately 2% per year.

The U.S. held elections in November with a Republican sweep of the Presidency, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Republicans ran on a platform that included spending cuts, lower taxes, reduced immigration and tariffs.

The Fund was positioned to take advantage of the movement in bond yields during the year by being overweight short term bonds versus the benchmark. The Fund's holdings in Preferred shares also helped performance, as did an overweight relative to the benchmark in corporate bonds.

## Recent Developments

On June 11, 2024, National Bank of Canada announced its intention to acquire Canadian Western Bank, the parent company of CWB WM at that time. On February 3, 2025, National Bank of Canada completed its acquisition of Canadian Western Bank resulting in a change in control of CWB WM.

President Trump was inaugurated in January for a second term with a promise to enact tariffs globally, and is looking to place a 25% across-the-board tariff on all goods imported from Canada. Thus far, global markets have viewed tariff threats as a negotiating tool, however, significant tariffs could push Canada into a recession and stoke lower economic growth in the U.S. The BoC could keep rates low to help offset the impact of tariffs on the economy.

## Related Party Transactions

CWB WM is the trustee, manager, portfolio advisor, and principal distributor of the Fund. The Fund pays CWB WM a management fee as compensation for its services. Refer to the section titled 'Management Fees' for a summary of fees paid to CWB WM.

The CWB Onyx Managed Solution funds, comprised of the CWB Onyx Conservative Solution, the CWB Onyx Balanced Solution and the CWB Onyx Growth Solution, invests in series O units of the Fund. As of December 31, 2024, 3.58% of the Series O units of the Fund are held by the CWB Onyx Conservative Solution, 8.42% of the Series O units of the Fund are held by the CWB Onyx Balanced Solution and 3.37% of the Series O units of the Fund are held by the CWB Onyx Growth Solution.

CWB WM is party to a participating dealer agreement (the "Dealer Agreement") with Canadian Western Financial Ltd. ("CWF"), a subsidiary of CWB WM. Pursuant to the Dealer Agreement, CWB WM pays CWF a monthly trailing commission equal to 1/12th of 0.50% of the net asset value attributable to units of the Fund held by CWF clients. This trailing commission is paid directly by CWB WM and does not increase the management fee paid to CWB WM by the Fund.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's performance for the past five years.

### CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund's Series A Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup>

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of year	\$9.13	\$8.86	\$10.14	\$10.62	\$10.24
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total dividend and interest revenue	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.26	\$0.23
Total expenses	(\$0.10)	(\$0.10)	(\$0.10)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.11)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	(\$0.10)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.23)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$0.38	\$0.37	(\$1.02)	(\$0.45)	\$0.39
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$0.54	\$0.53	(\$1.00)	(\$0.34)	\$0.47
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$0.24	\$0.25	\$0.23	\$0.17	\$0.17
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$0.24	\$0.25	\$0.23	\$0.17	\$0.17
Net assets as at last date of the period shown	\$9.39	\$9.13	\$8.86	\$10.14	\$10.62

## CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund's Series O Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup>

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of year	\$9.17	\$8.90	\$10.20	\$10.67	\$10.33
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total dividend and interest revenue	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.34	\$0.32	\$0.34
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the year	(\$0.10)	(\$0.11)	(\$0.22)	(\$0.05)	(\$0.05)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$0.40	\$0.39	(\$1.05)	(\$0.36)	\$0.37
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$0.67	\$0.65	(\$0.93)	(\$0.09)	\$0.66
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.32
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.32
Net assets as at last date of the period shown	\$9.48	\$9.17	\$8.90	\$10.20	\$10.67

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. All figures presented are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, which requires the Fund to measure the fair value of its investments based on close market prices, where the close market price falls between the bid-ask spread, which is consistent with the method used in measuring the net asset value for transactions with unitholders.

<sup>2</sup> 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 financial period.

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

## Ratios and Supplemental Data – Series A

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	\$13,188	\$13,657	\$12,916	\$13,165	\$15,618
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	1,404,319	1,495,374	1,457,442	1,298,798	1,470,142
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.09%	1.09%	1.06%	1.06%	1.00%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.13%	1.12%	1.10%	1.10%	1.12%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	0.01%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	18.29%	15.78%	32.35%	29.80%	47.88%
Net asset value per unit	\$9.39	\$9.13	\$8.86	\$10.14	\$10.62

## Ratios and Supplemental Data – Series O

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	\$176,906	\$169,112	\$167,867	\$183,129	\$142,096
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	18,670,607	18,439,093	18,866,476	17,951,500	13,316,026
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	-	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	18.29%	15.78%	32.35%	29.80%	47.88%
Net asset value per unit	\$9.48	\$9.17	\$8.90	\$10.20	\$10.67

<sup>1</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown unless otherwise stated.

<sup>2</sup> Management expense ratio (“MER”) 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund’s portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund’s portfolio adviser 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 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 high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

## Management Fees

The management fee for each applicable series is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The annual management fees and a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees, for each series are as follows:

Fund	Management Fee (% of NAV)	Distribution Costs (% of Management)	Others* (% of Management Fee)
Onyx Diversified Income Fund – Series A	1.00	0.97	99.03
Onyx Diversified Income Fund – Series O	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Includes investment advisory fees, administration fees, and other operating fees

The Fund’s management fees were used by CWB WM to pay for the cost of managing the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sales of investment portfolio, providing other services, and compensating CWB WM for acting as trustee of the Fund. CWB WM also used the management fee to fund trailing commissions and any other compensation to CWF whose clients invest in the Fund.

The Series O management fee is negotiated and paid directly by each investor and will not exceed the Series A management fee.

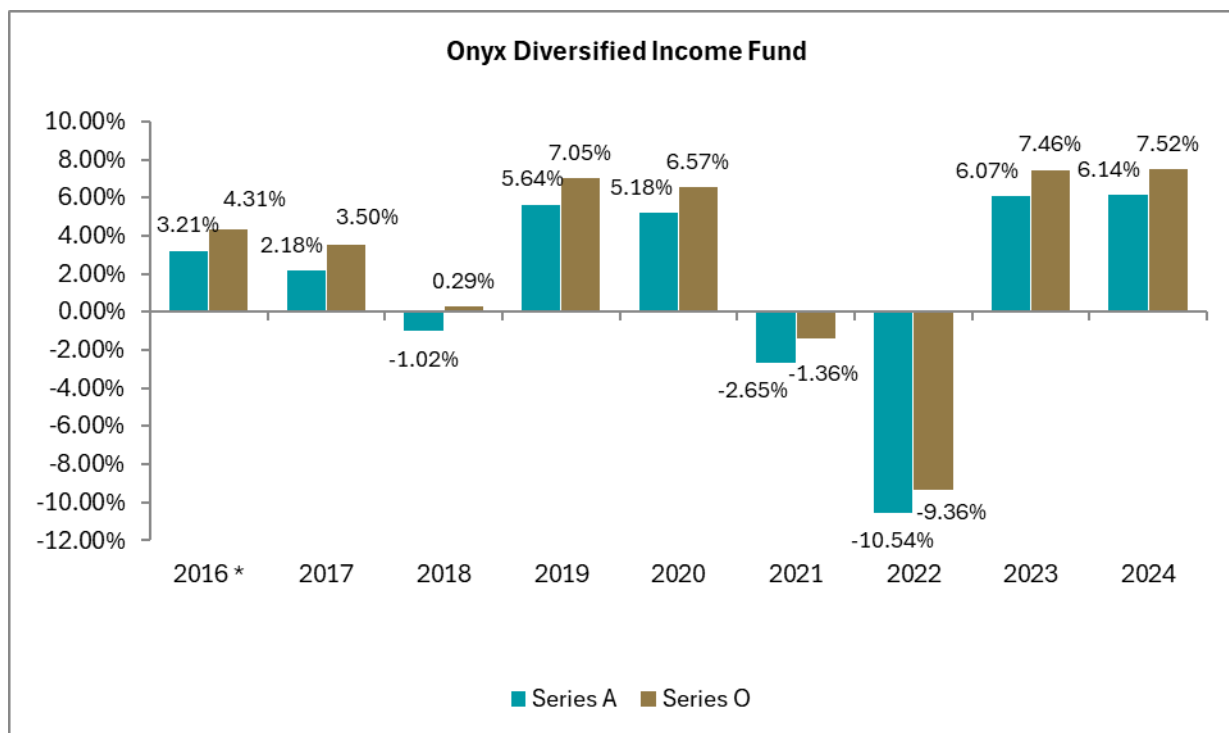
## Past Performance

The past performance of the Fund is set out in the following charts. The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the years shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or other optional charges, or income taxes payable that would have reduced returns or performance.

Mutual fund returns are not guaranteed. Please note that past performance is not indicative of future performance.

### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance in each of the periods shown and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from period to period. The chart below shows, in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31, unless otherwise indicated.



\*Return from February 10, 2016 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2016, not annualized.



## Annual Compound Returns

The following table displays the historical annual compounded total return for each series of units of the Fund for the years shown ending on December 31, 2022, compared with the following benchmarks:

- Fund Benchmark:
  - 100% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
- Broad-Based Benchmarks:
  - FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

	Series A Units (%)	Series O Units (%)	Fund Benchmark (%)	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (%)
One Year	6.14	7.52	4.23	4.23
Three Year	0.24	1.55	(0.60)	(0.60)
Five Year	0.62	1.94	0.80	0.80
Ten Year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Since Inception*	1.46	2.78	1.98	1.98

\*Inception date February 10, 2016

### Index Descriptions

- FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index: This index is composed of investment grade, fixed coupon, government, and corporate bonds, issued in Canada and denominated in Canadian dollars, with a remaining term to maturity of at least one year. The index is weighted by market capitalization.

A discussion of the performance of the Fund relative to its benchmark(s) is found in the Results of Operation section of this report.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following table summarizes how the Fund's assets were distributed across various sectors as at December 31, 2024.

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Asset Value
Cash & Short-term Investments	1.8
Other Net Assets	0.6
Bonds and debentures	
Corporate	50.3
Provincial	22.9
Federal	17.0
Foreign bonds and debentures	5.9
Preferred Shares	1.5
Total	100.0

## Top 25 Holdings

The following table lists the holdings of the Fund (based on percentage of net asset values of the Fund) as of December 31, 2024. The prospectuses and other information about the underlying investment funds are available online at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Security	Maturity	%
1.000% Government of Canada	06/01/2027	7.6
4.250% Canada Housing Trust	12/15/2028	6.8
3.450% Province of Alberta, Unsecured Note	12/01/2043	4.5
3.250% Province of Quebec, Unsecured Note	09/01/2032	3.9
5.000% Province of Saskatchewan, Unsecured Note	03/05/2037	3.9
3.200% Province of British Columbia, Unsecured Note	06/18/2044	3.2
4.600% Province of Ontario, Debenture	06/02/2039	3.2
7.100% Greater Toronto Airports, Medium Term Note	06/04/2031	2.6
1.646% Honda Canada Finance Inc., Senior Unsecured Note	02/25/2028	2.5
0.000% Province of Quebec, Unsecured Note	12/01/2043	2.4
5.650% Epcor Utilities, Senior Unsecured Note	11/16/2035	2.3
3.190% Bank of Montreal, Senior Unsecured Note	03/01/2028	1.9
5.100% Peel Ontario, Senior Unsecured Note	06/29/2040	1.9
2.237% Manulife Financial Corp., Subordinated Debt	05/12/2030	1.8
3.244% Omers Realty Corp., Senior Unsecured Note	10/04/2027	1.8
3.327% Co-operators Financial Services Ltd., Senior Unsecured Note	05/13/2030	1.3
4.810% Pembina Pipeline Corp., Senior Unsecured Note	03/25/2044	1.3
6.560% Rogers Communications Inc., Senior Unsecured Note	03/22/2041	1.3
4.750% Telus Corp., Senior Unsecured Note	01/17/2045	1.3
5.750% Enbridge Inc., Senior Unsecured Note	09/02/2039	1.2
5.030% Metro Inc., Senior Unsecured Note	12/01/2044	1.2
5.610% Nova Scotia Power Inc., Senior Unsecured Note	06/15/2040	1.2
6.540% Loblaw Companies Ltd., Senior Unsecured Note	02/17/2033	1.1
5.183% CU Inc., Senior Unsecured Note	11/21/2035	1.0
4.050% National Bank of Canada, Junior Subordinated Debt	08/15/2081	1.0

The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of the Fund due to portfolio transactions of the Fund. The top 25 holdings are made available quarterly and may be obtained by contacting CWB WM at 1-855-292-9655 or by writing to: [info@cwwealth.com](mailto:info@cwwealth.com) CWB Wealth Management Ltd., Suite 3000, 10303 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, AB T5J 3X6.