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# SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

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## ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended December 31, 2021

Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund



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SLGI Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The fundamental objectives of the Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund (the "Fund") are to seek to achieve income and capital appreciation by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of income producing securities.

The Fund's sub-advisor is NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC. (the "Sub-Advisor"). The Fund's investment strategy is to invest in a wide range of income producing securities of issuers, including but not limited to: preferred securities, corporate debt, mortgage-backed securities, taxable municipals and government and agency debt securities. The Sub-Advisor seeks to employ a rigorous, bottom-up research concentrated investment process that focuses on financial statement and absolute valuation analysis to identify undervalued companies that offer favourable risk/reward characteristics and capital preservation. Given this investment process, the Sub-Advisor may invest anywhere in the world but may have a tendency to have a high geographic concentration to the U.S. The Fund may invest a significant portion of the portfolio in below investment grade securities, commonly referred to as "high yield securities".

### Risk

There were no changes in the Fund's investment objectives or strategies during the period which materially impacted the overall level of risk in the Fund. The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the Fund's Simplified Prospectus.

### Results of Operations

During the period, the net asset value of the Fund increased from \$398.0 million to \$486.2 million due to positive net sales, as well as positive performance.

During the period, the Fund returned 3.8% for Series A securities, this result surpassed the Fund's benchmark, Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged C\$, which returned -1.6%. The broad-based index, S&P 500 Index C\$, returned 27.6%. We have included the returns of the broad-based index to help you understand how the Fund performed compared to the general market. Please refer to the 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

The Fund underperformed the broad-based index due to the Fund's greater allocation to U.S. bonds. U.S. bonds underperformed U.S. equities during the period.

As 2021 began, widespread vaccination rates continued to increase. As a result, corporate credit spreads decreased. A spread is the difference in yield between a Treasury bond and another debt security of the same maturity but different credit quality. As the broad economy started to reopen, jobless claims came down. Consumers in the U.S. remained positive. The U.S. economy improved in 2021 compared to 2020. The economic rebound started debates around monetary policy and inflation. Markets positioned for the potential tapering of asset purchases by the Federal Reserve. This caused U.S. government yields to rise.

The Fund's exposures to investment grade corporate and high yield bonds contributed to performance. The Fund benefitted from spread tightening and investor appetite for corporate credit. The Fund's position in convertibles and equities contributed to performance. Equity markets performed well over the period.

There were no material detractors during the period. The Fund's investment grade corporate bond holdings experienced negative returns early in the period. But they came out positive towards the end of the period. Interest rates were volatile due to elevated inflation and concerns regarding tighter monetary policy. However, strong corporate fundamentals and continued investor appetite for corporate credit led to a recovery. The Fund's investment grade corporate bond position finished the year generating positive returns.

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## Recent Developments

Global equity markets went up after the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. Billions of dollars of stimulus spending by governments worldwide also helped fuel the stock markets. Central banks around the world lowered or kept their benchmark interest rates low to aid the economic recovery. However, reasons for caution have not gone away. The market turned volatile during the second half of the year. Investors shifted their attention to challenges facing COVID-19. The concerns included the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19. The rising cases weighed on the stock markets. The Manager cautioned a slowdown in global growth pending the COVID-19 variant infection rates. Supply chain disruption, rising inflation and the expected tapering of bond purchases in 2022 were also top concerns.

The sub-advisor relies on in-depth research, investment horizon, and risk management to manage the Fund. They integrate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors, spanning ESG risks and opportunities, into the overall investment process for the Fund. They strive to consider proxy voting policies and actively engage with companies on ESG-oriented issues.

Effective July 14, 2021, the Fund updated its investment strategies to include ESG factors. The Manager believes ESG factors can influence an investment's performance.

The Manager stopped offering the deferred sales charge ("DSC") and low load sales charge ("LL") purchase options on securities of the Fund. This change took place after the close of business on or about November 26, 2021. After November 26, 2021, all DSC and LL purchase options are closed to purchases, including purchases made through systematic plans such as pre-authorized chequing plans. Securities purchased under the DSC and LL purchase options on or prior to November 26, 2021 may continue to be held in investor accounts. Switching securities between Funds held under the DSC or LL purchase option will continue to be permitted. The Manager is implementing these changes in anticipation of regulatory changes mandated by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities ending the sale of DSC and LL purchase options across all Canadian jurisdictions that takes effect on June 1, 2022. For any impacted systematic plans that invested into DSC or LL purchase options, new instructions were provided on or before November 26, 2021. Without new instructions, these systematic plans would be terminated after November 26, 2021. Effective on or before March 31, 2022, the Manager will no longer pay trailing commissions to dealers that do not make suitability determinations (the "Impacted Dealers"), such as Order Execution Only dealers. The Manager is implementing this change in anticipation of the regulatory requirement mandated by the Canadian securities regulatory authorities to end the payment of trailing commissions to Impacted Dealers that takes effect on June 1, 2022. Effective on or before March 31, 2022, accounts at Impacted Dealers will only be permitted to purchase or hold securities of Series F, Series F5, Series FT5, Series F8, Series FT8, Series FH, Series IS, Series O and Series OH securities of the fund.

On March 31, 2021, Series A of the Fund reduced its distribution rate from \$0.0375 per unit to \$0.0300 per unit. The Manager reviews the fixed monthly distribution rates on an annual basis. The review takes into consideration a combination of factors including but not limited to global interest rates, asset class of the fund, competitive environment, and the total return expectations. The change brought the distribution yield of Series A in line with other series of the Fund.

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On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a large-scale military invasion of Ukraine. Russian markets were subsequently suspended. Various international sanctions have been levied against Russia. The broader impact to the region and around the world is still unfolding. The Manager cautions that the current global uncertainty with respect to this military invasion and its effect on the broader global economy may have a significant impact to the volatility of financial markets. While the precise impacts remain unknown, continued military conflict may have a material adverse effect on global economic activity. This could disrupt global supply chains, operations, and mobility of people. This also could affect interest rates, credit ratings, credit risk, inflation, business, financial conditions, results of operations and other factors relevant to Fund performance.

## Related Party Transactions

SLGI Asset Management Inc. is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for securityholders.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors. The Manager has retained NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC to act as a sub-advisor for the Fund.

This Fund may have direct or indirect holdings in Sun Life Financial Inc. or its affiliates or other funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates. Funds managed by the Manager, or its affiliates, may invest in securities of this fund.

Fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Sun Life Funds' Independent Review Committee ("IRC") are allocated to the series to which they apply in a manner that, in the Manager's view, is considered fair and reasonable. The amounts of these charges are disclosed in the line item "Independent review committee fees" in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The Manager has a distribution agreement with Sun Life Financial Investment Services (Canada) Inc. (the "Dealer"), a company under common control under which the Dealer may distribute securities of the funds offered by the Manager in the jurisdictions in which the Dealer is so authorized.

## Fund Administrative Expenses

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including those incurred by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as Fixed annual administration fees in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income found in the annual financial statements.

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Fund's IRC; taxes payable by the Fund; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. The Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among each series of securities of the Fund to which they apply. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of securities are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of securities of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

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## 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 previous five years or for the periods since inception to December 31, 2021.

### The Fund's Net Asset Value per Security (\$)<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series A

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	8.61	9.08	8.30	9.40	9.29
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.41	0.45	0.51	0.53	0.55
Total expenses	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.13)	(0.25)	0.04	(0.54)	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.19	(0.06)	0.88	(0.33)	(0.09)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.34)	(0.40)	(0.40)	(0.46)	(0.46)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.09)	-
Return of capital	(0.04)	(0.05)	(0.05)	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.38)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.55)</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>8.61</b>	<b>9.08</b>	<b>8.30</b>	<b>9.40</b>

#### Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series F

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	8.79	9.21	8.37	9.51	9.34
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.42	0.45	0.51	0.54	0.56
Total expenses	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	(0.25)	0.04	(0.48)	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.22	(0.17)	0.81	(0.47)	(0.01)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>1.23</b>	<b>(0.54)</b>	<b>0.69</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.40)	(0.45)	(0.40)	(0.54)	(0.46)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.09)	-
Return of capital	(0.05)	-	(0.05)	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.63)</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>8.73</b>	<b>8.79</b>	<b>9.21</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>9.51</b>

#### Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series I

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	9.57	9.93	8.94	10.07	9.82
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.47	0.50	0.56	0.57	0.60
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.03)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.17)	(0.20)	0.05	(0.49)	0.19
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.23	(0.10)	0.80	(0.45)	(0.03)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>0.18</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>(0.40)</b>	<b>0.73</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.44)	(0.50)	(0.44)	(0.59)	(0.53)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.09)	-
Return of capital	(0.06)	-	(0.06)	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>(0.50)</b>	<b>(0.68)</b>	<b>(0.53)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>9.58</b>	<b>9.57</b>	<b>9.93</b>	<b>8.94</b>	<b>10.07</b>

#### Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series O

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	8.98	9.31	8.37	9.55	9.16
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.43	0.46	0.51	0.54	0.56
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.12)	(0.42)	0.04	(0.56)	0.31
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.17	(0.08)	0.86	(0.38)	(0.11)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>(0.44)</b>	<b>0.71</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.40)	(0.45)	(0.40)	(0.66)	(0.46)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	(0.09)	-
Return of capital	(0.05)	-	(0.05)	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	<b>(0.75)</b>	<b>(0.46)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of period</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>8.98</b>	<b>9.31</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>9.55</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.

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

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

#### Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series A

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,391	2,440	2,517	2,373	2,749
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	280	283	277	286	292
Management expense ratio (%)	1.64	1.69	1.70	1.71	1.71
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.64	1.69	1.70	1.71	1.71
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	34.16	57.37	42.53	38.10	29.25
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	8.55	8.61	9.08	8.30	9.40

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## Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series F

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	450	387	465	209	89
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	52	44	50	25	9
Management expense ratio (%)	1.03	1.08	1.14	1.13	1.17
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	1.03	1.08	1.14	1.13	1.17
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	34.16	57.37	42.53	38.10	29.25
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	8.73	8.79	9.21	8.37	9.51

## Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series I

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	483,011	394,684	473,193	164,917	292,672
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	50,441	41,259	47,644	18,442	29,072
Management expense ratio (%)	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	34.16	57.37	42.53	38.10	29.25
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	9.58	9.57	9.93	8.94	10.07

## Sun Life NWQ Flexible Income Fund - Series O

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	374	452	686	554	567
Number of securities outstanding (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	42	50	74	66	59
Management expense ratio (%)	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.22
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) <sup>(2)</sup>	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.22
Trading expense ratio (%) <sup>(3)</sup>	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03
Portfolio turnover rate (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	34.16	57.37	42.53	38.10	29.25
Net asset value per security (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	9.00	8.98	9.31	8.37	9.55

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses 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 ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio 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 ratio 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 portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

## Management Fees

The maximum annual management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of Fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.

The percentages and major services paid for out of the management fees are set out below:

	Maximum Annual Management Fee Rate (%)	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation (%) <sup>(*)</sup>	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Series A Securities	1.30	32	68
Series F Securities	0.80	-	100
Series I Securities <sup>(†)</sup>	-	-	100
Series O Securities <sup>(†)</sup>	0.80	-	100

<sup>(\*)</sup> Includes sales and trailing commissions.

<sup>(†)</sup> Series O management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series O investors pay management fees directly to the Manager.

<sup>(‡)</sup> Series I management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series I investors negotiate management fees and pay directly to the Manager.

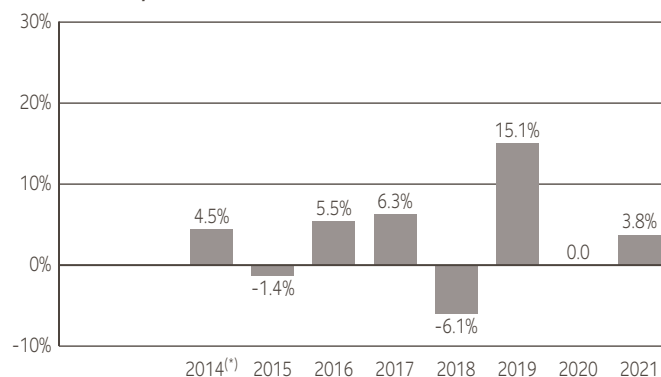
## Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income tax payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for the period shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

**Series A Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021**

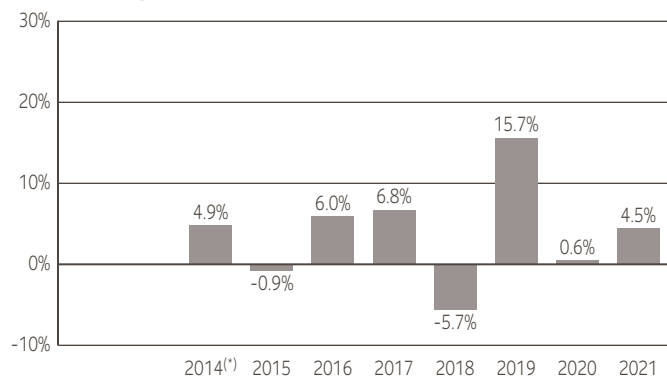


<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of February 3, 2014 to December 31, 2014.



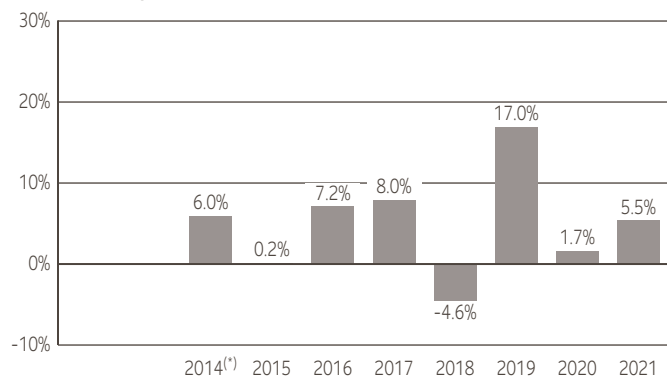
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## Series F Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



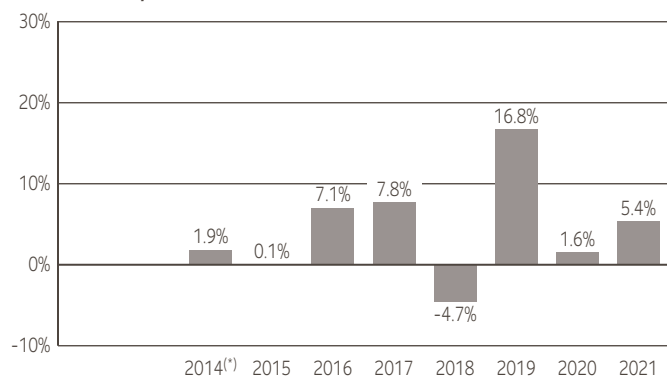
<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of February 3, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

## Series I Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of February 3, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

## Series O Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



<sup>(\*)</sup> for the period of April 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014.

## Annual Compound Returns

The table compares the historical annual compound total returns of Series A, F, I and O securities of the Fund with the following benchmark and broad-based index, if applicable:

The benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of:  
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged C\$

The Series A securities outperformed the benchmark since inception, over the past five years, over the past three years, and over the past year.

The following are the broad-based index or indices:  
Broad-based index - S&P 500 Index C\$

The previous broad-based index or indices is composed of:  
Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index C\$  
S&P 500 Index C\$

The broad-based benchmark index or indices has been reassigned in order to better reflect the intended investment mandate of the corresponding strategy, in accordance with the Manager's benchmark-setting methodology.

A discussion of the Fund's performance compared to its benchmark and broad-based index or indices, if applicable, can be found in the Results of Operations section.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date <sup>(1)(2)(3)(4)</sup>
Series A	3.8%	6.1%	3.6%	N/A	3.3%
Series F	4.5%	6.8%	4.2%	N/A	3.9%
Series I	5.5%	7.9%	5.3%	N/A	5.0%
Benchmark	(1.6)%	4.5%	3.1%	N/A	3.1%
Broad-based index	27.6%	22.8%	17.1%	19.1%	17.3%
Series O	5.4%	7.7%	5.1%	N/A	4.5%
Benchmark	(1.6)%	4.5%	3.1%	N/A	3.1%
Broad-based index	27.6%	22.8%	17.1%	19.1%	17.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> The performance start date for Series A securities was February 3, 2014.

<sup>(2)</sup> The performance start date for Series F securities was February 3, 2014.

<sup>(3)</sup> The performance start date for Series I securities was February 3, 2014.

<sup>(4)</sup> The performance start date for Series O securities was April 1, 2014.

## INDEX DESCRIPTION(S)

The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index Hedged is a broad-based benchmark that measures the investment grade, U.S. dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. This includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities and collateralized mortgage-backed securities in the U.S. This index is hedged to the Canadian dollar.

The S&P 500 Index measures the performance of the stock market index based on the market capitalizations of 500 leading companies publicly traded in the U.S. stock market.



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## Summary of Investment Portfolio \*

as at December 31, 2021

### Top 25 Investments

Holding Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co., 6.35%, Oct 15, 2045	2.5
2 Cash and Cash Equivalents	2.3
3 Ally Financial Inc., 4.70%, Dec 31, 2049	2.2
4 ViacomCBS Inc., 6.88%, Apr 30, 2036	2.0
5 Broadcom Inc., 8.00%, Preferred, Series A	1.6
6 Avantor Inc., 6.25%, Preferred, Series A	1.6
7 Citigroup Inc., 6.25%, Dec 31, 2049	1.5
8 General Motors Co., 6.60%, Apr 01, 2036	1.5
9 JPMorgan Chase & Co., 6.75%, Aug 29, 2049	1.3
10 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 5.25%, Jul 15, 2031	1.3
11 Emera Inc., 6.75%, Jun 15, 2076	1.3
12 Wells Fargo & Co., 7.50%, Preferred	1.3
13 MEDNAX Inc., 6.25%, Jan 15, 2027	1.2
14 McDonald's Corp., 4.88%, Dec 09, 2045	1.2
15 Nexstar Escrow Corp., 5.63%, Jul 15, 2027	1.2
16 Charter Communications Operating LLC, 6.48%, Oct 23, 2045	1.1
17 Vistra Corp., 8.00%, Dec 31, 2049	1.1
18 Trinseo Materials Operating SCA / Trinseo Materials Finance, 5.38%, Sep 01, 2025	1.1
19 TripAdvisor Inc., 7.00%, Jul 15, 2025	1.1
20 L Brands Inc., 6.88%, Nov 01, 2035	1.1
21 Sealed Air Corp., 6.88%, Jul 15, 2033	1.0
22 Amkor Technology Inc., 6.63%, Sep 15, 2027	1.0
23 NextEra Energy Capital Holdings Inc., 5.65%, May 01, 2079	1.0
24 Nordstrom Inc., 5.00%, Jan 15, 2044	0.9
25 Bank of America Corp., 6.10%, Dec 31, 2049	0.9
	<b>34.3</b>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)</b>	<b>\$ 486,226</b>

## Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
U.S. Corporate Bond	63.9
Financials	7.4
Health Care	4.6
Utilities	4.2
Information Technology	3.6
International Corporate Bond	2.9
Canadian Corporate Bond	2.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2.3
Industrials	2.0
Consumer Staples	1.5
Derivatives - Long	1.3
Other Assets less Liabilities	1.0
Materials	0.8
Energy	0.7
Consumer Discretionary	0.6
Real Estate	0.5
Communication Services	0.3
Derivatives - Short	-
	<b>100.0</b>

## Asset Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
U.S. Fixed Income	63.9
U.S. Equities	20.8
International Equities	4.8
International Fixed Income	2.9
Canadian Fixed Income	2.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents	2.3
Derivatives - Long	1.3
Other Assets less Liabilities	1.0
Canadian Equities	0.6
Derivatives - Short	-
	<b>100.0</b>

(\*) All information is as at December 31, 2021. The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Unless otherwise noted positions are long. You may obtain quarterly updates to these holdings free of charge by calling us at 1-877-344-1434, visiting our website at [www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com](http://www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com) or by sending an email to us at [info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com](mailto:info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com).

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