

# FGP CORPORATE BOND FUND

Investment Policy Statement | September 30, 2024



## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The FGP Corporate Bond Fund (the “Fund”) aims to generate an attractive total investment return through income and long term capital appreciation primarily through investments in debt obligations and other evidences of indebtedness of Canadian, U.S., and international issuers. To achieve this, the Fund will invest in a diversified mix of fixed income securities of corporate issuers.

## PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVE

The Fund’s objective is to exceed the return of its Performance Benchmark over five-year periods.

## PERMISSIBLE INVESTMENTS

Eligible fixed income investments include bonds, debentures, notes, coupons, residuals and other evidence of indebtedness of Canadian or foreign issuers, whether denominated and payable in Canadian dollars or a foreign currency, mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, floating rate notes, private placements, real return bonds, extendible/retractable bonds and other fixed income oriented securities.

Eligible cash and money market investments include cash and demand deposits, short term debt securities of Canadian government(s) and corporate issuers including treasury bills issued by the Federal, Provincial or Territorial governments or any of their agencies; bankers’ acceptances, term deposits, commercial paper, the FGP Money Market Fund, and any other evidences of indebtedness with terms to maturity of less than one year.

The Fund may use derivatives, such as currency forwards as permitted by Canadian securities laws, to hedge against potential currency fluctuations.

The Fund may invest in units of other FGP Funds from time to time. The Fund may invest all of its assets in units of other FGP Funds. In selecting in which (if any) other Funds the Fund may invest, FGP’s portfolio managers consider whether the underlying Fund will contribute to accomplishing the Fund’s investment objectives including managing diversification, liquidity or other investment risks. Investors in the Fund are entitled, on request, to receive a copy of the Offering Memorandum and the annual and interim financial statements of the underlying Fund(s) from FGP at no charge. If a conflict exists between this policy statement and a policy statement of an underlying Fund, the policy statement of the underlying Fund shall prevail.

## Diversification and Risk Control Guidelines

The Fund has established guidelines to ensure the investments of the Fund are diversified. The assets of the Fund are invested in a prudent fashion, with securities selected for their overall contribution to the investment objective of the Fund.

**Security Level Guidelines:** Investment limits for fixed income securities as a percentage of the portfolio are as follows:

| TYPE OF ISSUE                                | MAXIMUM                      |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Foreign Currency Issues and Foreign Issuers  | 20%                          |
| Corporate Issuers rated ‘BBB’                | Benchmark Index weight + 20% |
| Single Corporate Issuer rated ‘AA’ or higher | 10%                          |
| Single Corporate Issuer rated ‘A’            | 8%                           |
| Single Corporate issuer rated ‘BBB’          | 6%                           |

## INVESTMENT STRATEGY

FGP utilizes a multi-strategy approach, including: interest rate anticipation, credit sector/security selection, and yield-enhancing strategies in the context of a long-term, value-oriented approach. The portfolio managers, supported by FGP’s research team, are responsible for security selection and portfolio construction within FGP’s diversification and risk control guidelines.

## Performance Benchmark

FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index.

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**Cash Level Guidelines:** The Fund may have maximum cash or money market holdings of 10%.

**Credit Quality Guidelines:** The minimum credit quality for a corporate bond at the time of purchase is 'BBB', as assessed by FGP portfolio managers or analysts, or as determined by a recognized credit rating agency. The minimum overall credit quality for the fixed income portfolio is 'A', and the minimum credit quality for any short-term money market investments is 'R1' or 'A.'

**Duration/Term to Maturity Guidelines:** The modified duration range for the fixed income portfolio is plus or minus one year of the duration of the FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index.

## FUND FACTS

|                                          |                                                         |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Fund Code                                | 1026                                                    |
| Fund Class                               | N                                                       |
| Performance Inception Date               | May 31, 2009                                            |
| Taxable Investors (Non-Registered Plans) | Eligible                                                |
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| Valuation Frequency                      | Daily                                                   |
| Distribution Frequency                   | Income – Monthly<br>Capital Gains –<br>Minimum Annually |
| Expense Ratio *                          | 0.04%                                                   |
| Trustee                                  | CIBC Mellon Trust Co.                                   |
| Custodian                                | CIBC Mellon Trust Co.                                   |
| Auditor                                  | Deloitte LLP                                            |

The units of the Fund are issued and redeemed at the applicable net asset value per unit. The net asset value is determined daily at the close of each business day.

Net investment income and net realized gains on investment are paid to unitholders on a periodic basis as indicated. Distributions are made on a pro rata basis within each class to unitholders of record at the close of business on the second last business day prior to the date of distribution

Temporary variances from these investment policy guidelines will generally be corrected within 90 days.

The Fund may engage in securities lending.

\*The Fund incurs direct expenses for services provided by the Trustee, Custodian, Registrar and Auditor. The 2023 expense ratio for the Fund is presented above. FGP does not charge management fees directly to the Fund.

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