

# CI LIQUID ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

## CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Fund



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CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Fund (the Fund) seeks to provide absolute returns with low volatility regardless of market conditions. The Fund invests primarily in fixed income across the credit spectrum. This includes government, investment-grade corporate and high-yield debt as well as credit derivatives, other income-producing securities and cash.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (as of January 31, 2020)

	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	1 YEAR	2 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
CI MARRET ALTERNATIVE ABSOLUTE RETURN BOND FUND SERIES F	-0.26	1.34	1.14	6.31	6.68	6.34
FTSE CANADA UNIVERSE BOND INDEX	-1.11	0.27	-1.30	4.44	6.46	7.53

Source: Morningstar Research Inc. Inception date: November 7, 2018. Effective January 15, 2021, CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond ETF has merged with CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Fund and this change may impact performance. Had these changes been in effect prior to this date, the performance of the fund could have been different.

### GLOBAL MACRO UPDATE

Risk markets remained resilient for most of January, despite a significant increase in COVID-19 restrictions resulting from increasing cases, hospitalizations and deaths around the globe. A democratic sweep in the Georgia Senate runoff increased optimism for further fiscal support leading to a sharp selloff in U.S. Treasuries. Market participants continued to buy equity dips with complete confidence in a cyclical recovery later this year, driven by positive vaccine developments alongside supportive fiscal and monetary policy. Speculation across many individual stocks created moves not seen in decades. Stretched positioning and overcrowded trades were responsible for increased volatility as January drew to a close. U.S. equities ended the month mixed, with the S&P 500 down 1.1%, while the Russell 2000 climbed 5.0%. Credit was also mixed, as investment grade fell with treasuries, down 1.2% for the month, while high yield gained 0.4%. High yield spreads tightened and yields were roughly unchanged, despite January seeing a significant amount of supply.

### POSITIONING UPDATE

The Fund maintained a moderate, core exposure to mid and higher quality credit as central banks continue to foster a 'search for yield' environment. While credit exposure was relatively unchanged for most of the month, the Fund tactically traded fixed income across asset classes, sectors, and relative value opportunities. The Fund reduced exposure to 10-year investment grade bonds, added to long-duration high yield, participated in numerous new issue opportunities offered by the significant high yield issuance, and actively traded government

### FUND SUMMARY

#### KEY FACTS

NAV/UNIT (SERIES F)	\$10.55
MANAGEMENT FEE (SERIES F)	0.80%
PERFORMANCE FEE	10% of returns (net of MER) above the hurdle rate subject to a high-water mark
HURDLE RATE	10-year Canadian government bond yield +1%
CURRENT YIELD	2.51%
AVERAGE DURATION	3.51 years
LIQUIDITY	Daily
SERIES F FUND CODE	CIG 4191 (C\$) CIG 4193 (US\$)
SERIES A FUND CODE	CIG 2191 (C\$) CIG 2193 (US\$)
ETF TICKER	TSX: CMAR (C\$ hedged) CMAR.U (US\$ hedged)

### USE OF LEVERAGE

GROSS EXPOSURE	77.9%
NET EXPOSURE	71.8%

Source: Marret Asset Management Inc., as of January 31, 2021.

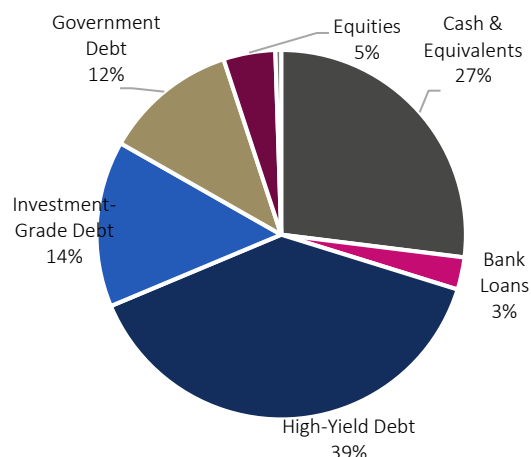
bonds, equities, and credit ETFs. Those tactical shifts, and our previous reduction in government duration, allowed the Fund to preserve capital in contrast to the steep losses suffered by most government and investment grade portfolios in January. Towards the end of the month the Fund took advantage of volatility by increasing its high yield credit exposure more meaningfully across a variety of opportunities.

## OUTLOOK

Looking forward, we continue to be mindful of risks and are closely monitoring the path of government stimulus, the rise in interest rates, the speed of the vaccine rollout, and the evolving virus mutations. At the present time, we are comfortable maintaining our core exposure to credit which stands to benefit as the economy normalizes later this year.

Sources: Marret Asset Management, Bloomberg Finance L.P. as of January 31, 2021.

## ASSET CLASS BREAKDOWN



## FUND EXPOSURE

ISSUER COUNTRY	GROSS EXPOSURE*
CANADA	27.9%
UNITED STATES	69.9%
OTHER	2.1%

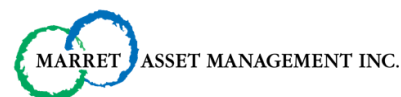
## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

HOLDING	WEIGHT
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BOND 0 ½ 09/01/25	4.1%
TENET HEALTHCARE CORP. 4 5/8 07/15/24	2.5%
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BOND 1 ½ 09/01/24	2.0%
UNITED STATES TREASURY BOND 1 5/8 11/15/50	1.9%
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT BOND 1 ¼ 03/01/25	1.8%

YEARS TO MATURITY	GOVERNMENT BONDS	CORPORATE BONDS
0 to 3	1.4%	9.2%
3 to 5	7.8%	10.9%
5 to 10	1.2%	22.2%
10+	1.2%	10.6%

Source: Marret Asset Management Inc., as of January 31, 2021.  
\*Ex-cash

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Duration:** A measure of the sensitivity of the price of a fixed income investment to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed in number of years. The price of a bond with a longer duration would be expected to rise (fall) more than the price of a bond with lower duration when interest rates fall (rise).

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