

# TD Asset Management

## TD Select Short Term Corporate Bond Ladder ETF (TCSB)

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### TD Exchange-Traded Funds Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

for the period ended June 30, 2024

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This interim management report of fund performance represents management's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the investment fund's performance and outlook since December 31, 2023, the investment fund's fiscal year-end, until June 30, 2024. This report should be read in conjunction with the 2023 annual management report of fund performance.

## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Results of Operations

TD Select Short Term Corporate Bond Ladder ETF (the "Fund") is an exchange-traded fund listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX"). Units of the Fund are traded under TSX ticker symbol "TCSB". The Fund returned 2.2% for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024 (the "Reporting Period"), versus 2.3% for the Fund's product benchmark, the FTSE Canada Short Term Corporate Bond Index. Unlike the product benchmark, the Fund's return is quoted after the deduction of fees and expenses.

### Market Update

Towards the end of the Reporting Period, the Bank of Canada ("BoC") lowered its benchmark overnight interest rate by 0.25% to 4.75%, the first rate cut since 2020. The BoC believed a rate reduction was warranted at this time, with inflationary pressures easing and relatively slow economic conditions. Although Canada's economy has expanded, the pace of growth was modest. A rise in consumer and business spending drove growth in the first quarter of 2024. Conversely, the manufacturing sector contracted over the Reporting Period due to weaker demand, which weighed on Canada's economic health. Canada's inflation rate remained above the BoC's 2% target, however, it eased due to a slowdown in food and energy price growth. Canada's central bank acknowledged inflation remains a risk and suggested future interest rate reductions might be gradual. Canada's labour market, a source of strength for the economy coming out of the pandemic, showed signs of cooling. While the economy added jobs, it did not keep up with the pace of population growth, which pushed the unemployment rate higher.

Canadian bond prices declined slightly over the Reporting Period, with yields moving higher. Early in the Reporting Period, bond yields increased with inflationary pressures persisting and expectations growing that the BoC would delay any interest rate reductions until later in 2024. However, towards the end of the Reporting Period, yields fell and reversed some of their earlier increases as the BoC lowered its benchmark overnight interest rate in response to slowing inflation and waning economic growth. The benchmark 10-year Government of Canada bond yield rose from 3.11% to 3.50%, with much of the gains coming before the BoC lowered interest rates. Canada's yield curve remained inverted (when short-term government bond yields are higher than long-term government bond yields). Short-term bond prices outperformed their mid- and long-term counterparts. Corporate bond prices rose and outperformed government bonds, which declined. Credit spreads (the difference in yields between corporate and government bonds with similar maturities) narrowed.

The FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index increased 1.6% over the Reporting Period. The corporate sector rose 2.3%, outperforming the government sector, which rose 1.2%

Within the corporate sector, BBB-rated bonds delivered the strongest returns over the Reporting Period, rising 2.5%, followed by A-rated bonds, which increased 2.2%. AAA/AA-rated bonds trailed the sector, rising 2.0%. Among corporate issuers, securitization and energy sector bonds posted the largest returns. Provincial bonds delivered the strongest returns within the government sector. Investment-grade credit spreads narrowed from 1.03% to 0.89%.

The FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index's average yield rose from 4.09% to 4.19% over the Reporting Period. The average yield of corporate bonds was unchanged at 4.76%, while the average yield of government bonds rose from 3.76% to 3.90%.

### Key Contributors/Detractors

During the Reporting Period, the Fund generated a positive return and outperformed its product benchmark before the deduction of fees and expenses.

- The Fund's holdings generated income above its product benchmark which contributed to performance.
- The Fund's overweight allocation to the real estate, communication and industrial sectors relative to its product benchmark contributed to performance.
- The Fund's underweight allocation to the financials sector relative to its product benchmark detracted from performance.

### Assets

The Fund experienced a significant increase in assets due to investor purchase activity.

### Recent Developments

The Portfolio Adviser expects global economic activity to remain relatively modest in 2024 as a result of restrictive monetary policy, geopolitical tensions and weaker demand from consumers and businesses. Some global central banks have begun lowering interest rates, as they seek to balance the risks of resurging inflation and weakening economic conditions, causing a divergence from the U.S. Federal Reserve Board.

Looking ahead, the Portfolio Adviser continues to invest primarily in higher-quality corporate bonds compared to high-yield bonds, as elevated interest rates and weakening economic conditions might contribute to greater volatility in high-yield fixed-income markets. The Portfolio Adviser expects slowing economic conditions in the second half of the year may cause credit spreads to widen further, but with strong credit fundamentals and attractive all-in yields, returns from domestic corporate bonds have the potential to remain positive in the near term. Considering the Portfolio Adviser's view, the Fund is positioned defensively, with a bias toward investment-grade credits.

## Related Party Transactions

Affiliates of TD Asset Management Inc. ("TDAM") may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as in connection with banking, deposit-taking, custody, brokerage and derivatives transactions, subject to approval or review by the Fund's independent review committee ("IRC") and/or compliance with applicable internal policies and procedures.

### *Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Adviser:*

TDAM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Toronto-Dominion Bank ("TD"), is the manager, trustee, portfolio adviser and promoter of the Fund. The Fund pays TDAM an annual management fee.

### *Designated Broker and Dealer:*

TDAM has entered into an agreement with TD Securities Inc. ("TDS"), an affiliate of TDAM, to act as designated broker and dealer to perform certain duties for the Fund. The designated broker arrangements entered into with TDS are consistent with market terms and conditions.

### *Custodian:*

TD is the sub-custodian of the Fund and may hold a portion of cash of the Fund.

## *Buying and Selling Securities:*

TDAM has established the IRC to act as an impartial and independent committee to review and provide recommendations or, if appropriate, approvals respecting any conflict of interest matters referred to it by TDAM. The IRC prepares, at least annually, a report of its activities for securityholders of the Fund. The report is available on the TDAM website at [www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management](http://www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management) or at the securityholder's request at no cost by contacting TDAM (see front cover).

The Fund relied on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of one or more of the following transactions:

- (a) trades in securities of TD or any affiliate or associate thereof;
- (b) investments in the securities of an issuer where TDS, TD Waterhouse Canada Inc., or any other affiliate of TDAM (a "Related Dealer") acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of the distribution of the underwritten securities;
- (c) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund or discretionary managed account managed by TDAM; and
- (d) purchases of securities from or sales of securities to a Related Dealer, where it acted as principal.

The relevant standing instructions require that securities transactions with related parties conducted by TDAM (i) are free from any influence by an entity related to TDAM and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to TDAM; (ii) represent the business judgment of TDAM uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (iii) comply with the applicable policies and procedures of TDAM; and (iv) achieve a fair and reasonable result for 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 financial performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024 and the past five fiscal years, as applicable. For units of the Fund that commenced operations during any of the periods presented, the data reported for that period represents results from the commencement of operations (as disclosed in the Past Performance section) to the end of that reporting period.

### Net Assets per Unit (\$)¹

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Period</b>	14.48	14.23	15.29	15.62	15.44	15.07
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations:</b>						
Total Revenue	0.26	0.51	0.52	0.51	0.58	0.54
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.02)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	0.06	0.04	(0.71)	(0.18)	(0.28)	0.26
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	0.04	0.80	(0.30)	(0.25)	0.10	0.00
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations²</b>	0.34	1.31	(0.53)	0.04	0.36	0.76
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From Net Investment Income (excluding dividends)		(0.46)	(0.37)	(0.34)	(0.60)	(0.46)
From Dividends		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Capital Gains		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.15)
Return of Capital		(0.26)	(0.02)	(0.02)	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions³</b>	(0.36)	(0.72)	(0.39)	(0.36)	(0.60)	(0.61)
<b>Net Assets, End of Period</b>	14.43	14.48	14.23	15.29	15.62	15.44

¹ This information is derived from the Fund's interim and audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Fund measures fair values of its investments based on close market prices, where the close market price falls within the bid-ask spread or based on quotations from recognized dealers. As such, the Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments in the financial statements are substantively consistent with those used in measuring the net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with unitholders.

² 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. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of the net assets per unit.

³ Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The Fund may make notional distributions from time to time and the units issued on reinvestments are immediately consolidated with the units held prior to the notional distribution. As a result, the total number of units held after the notional distribution is identical to the number of units held before the notional distribution. The following table shows the notional distributions for the periods presented, as applicable.

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Notional Income Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Notional Dividend Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Notional Capital Gains Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.15
Notional Return of Capital Distribution	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s)¹	127,002	78,928	71,523	43,574	20,305	38,600
Number of Units Outstanding (000s)¹	8,800	5,450	5,025	2,850	1,300	2,500
Management Expense Ratio (%)²	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.27
Management Expense Ratio Before Waivers or Absorptions (%)	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
Trading Expense Ratio (%)³	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%)⁴	35.98	156.49	162.27	89.27	91.62	90.62
Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	14.43	14.48	14.23	15.29	15.62	15.44
Closing Market Price (\$)⁵	14.43	14.50	14.24	15.32	15.64	15.43

¹ This information is provided as at June 30, 2024 and December 31 of the past five fiscal years, as applicable.

² Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) net of any waivers or absorptions for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period. Any waivers or absorptions may be discontinued at any time by TDAM at its discretion without notice.

³ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the stated period.

⁴ The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the stated period. The higher a fund's PTR, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the fiscal year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

⁵ Mid price would be used if no transaction took place on the last business day of the financial period.

Management Fees

As manager of the Fund, TDAM is responsible for the overall business and affairs of the Fund, including activities related to providing, or arranging for the provision of, certain administrative services and marketing services to the Fund. In consideration for the provision of such services, the Fund pays TDAM a management fee.

Management fees, plus applicable taxes, are calculated and accrued on a daily basis based on the net asset value of the Fund and are paid monthly to TDAM.

The prospectus discloses a specified annual management fee rate that TDAM can charge to the Fund. TDAM may waive all or a portion of the management fees being charged to the Fund, which may be discontinued at any time by TDAM at its discretion without notice to unitholders.

The annual management fees and a breakdown of the major services rendered, as a percentage of the management fees paid, are as follows:

(expressed as a %)	Annual Mgmt. Fees*	Dealer Compensation	Waived Operating Expenses	Other†
Fund	0.25	N/A	0.12	99.88

\* Includes management fees paid by the Fund and the proportionate management fees, if any, of the underlying fund(s) managed by TDAM held by the Fund. However, no management fees are payable by the Fund that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund(s) for the same services.

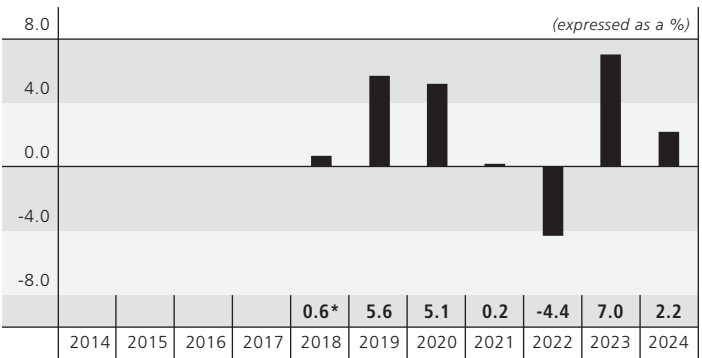
† Trustee, marketing services and other.

Past Performance

The following chart shows how the Fund has performed in the past, and can help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. These returns include the reinvestment of all distributions during the period in additional units at the net asset value per unit of the Fund at the time of distribution. They do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder, and these returns would be lower if they did. The Fund’s past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Year-by-year returns

The bar chart shows how the Fund’s performance has varied from year to year for each of the years shown. It shows in percentage terms how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 for each year and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2024.



For the 12 months ended Dec. 31 and six-month period ended June 30, 2024  
\* From November 8, 2018 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2018

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

as at June 30, 2024

	% of Net Asset Value
<b>ASSET ALLOCATION</b>	
Canadian Bonds	85.8
U.S. Bonds	12.3
Global Bonds	1.0
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	0.3
Derivatives	0.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.6
<b>PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION</b>	
Corporate Bonds	99.1
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	0.3
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	0.0
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.6
<b>CREDIT RATINGS<sup>§</sup></b>	
AA	1.4
A	24.7
BBB	61.6
BB	8.5
B	2.5
CCC	0.4
<b>TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE (000s)</b>	
	\$ 127,002

<sup>§</sup> Credit Ratings are obtained from S&PGR, Moody's or DBRS Ltd. rating agencies.

	% of Net Asset Value
<b>TOP 25 INVESTMENTS</b>	
Morgan Stanley Variable Rate, Callable 1.779% Aug 4, 2027	2.1
Royal Bank of Canada Variable Rate, Callable 2.088% Jun 30, 2030	2.0
Dream Summit Industrial Limited Partnership Callable 5.111% Feb 12, 2029	1.8
The Toronto-Dominion Bank <sup>†</sup> 4.680% Jan 8, 2029	1.7
Federation des caisses Desjardins du Quebec Variable Rate, Callable 2.856% May 26, 2030	1.7
TELUS Corporation Callable, Series CV 3.750% Mar 10, 2026	1.7
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust Callable 4.628% May 1, 2029	1.7
Dream Industrial Real Estate Investment Trust Callable, Series A 1.662% Dec 22, 2025	1.7
iA Financial Corporation Inc. Variable Rate, Callable 2.400% Feb 21, 2030	1.7
Bank of Montreal Variable Rate, Callable 1.928% Jul 22, 2031	1.7
Enbridge Pipelines Inc. Callable 3.520% Feb 22, 2029	1.6
National Bank of Canada Variable Rate, Callable 1.573% Aug 18, 2026	1.6
RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust Callable, Series AD 1.974% Jun 15, 2026	1.6
Pembina Pipeline Corporation Callable, Series 7 3.710% Aug 11, 2026	1.6
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Variable Rate, Callable 5.300% Jan 16, 2034	1.5
The Toronto-Dominion Bank <sup>†</sup> Variable Rate, Callable 4.859% Mar 4, 2031	1.5
First Capital Real Estate Investment Trust Series S 4.323% Jul 31, 2025	1.5
Bell Canada Callable 3.550% Mar 2, 2026	1.5
Bank of America Corporation Variable Rate, Callable 1.978% Sep 15, 2027	1.4
Pembina Pipeline Corporation Callable, Series 12 3.620% Apr 3, 2029	1.4
Federation des caisses Desjardins du Quebec Variable Rate, Callable 5.279% May 15, 2034	1.4
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce Variable Rate, Callable 2.010% Jul 21, 2030	1.4
Royal Bank of Canada Variable Rate, Callable 5.096% Apr 3, 2034	1.3
Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust Callable, Series K 5.244% Sep 28, 2029	1.3
General Motors Financial of Canada Limited Callable 1.750% Apr 15, 2026	1.3
Total % of Net Asset Value represented by these holdings	39.7

<sup>†</sup> Related party to the Fund as an affiliated entity of TD Asset Management Inc.

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding to one decimal place of individual figures.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly. You may obtain the most current quarterly information by writing to us at TD Asset Management Inc., P.O. Box 100, 66 Wellington Street West, TD Bank Tower, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1G8, or by visiting our website at [www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management](http://www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management).

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