
Mawer Tax Effective Balanced Fund

Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment Objectives and Strategies

The investment objective of the Mawer Tax Effective Balanced Fund (the "Fund") is to invest for above-average long-term, tax effective rates of return. We intend to achieve this objective by investing up to all of the assets of the Fund in other Mawer Funds as well as by investing directly in equity and equity-related securities and, when appropriate, treasury bills, short-term notes, debentures and bonds.

The Manager examines current market statistics and makes an assessment of future outcomes based upon a probability-based scenario analysis. Using these techniques the Manager constructs the asset mix. Bonds are used primarily to control risk and the Manager focuses on security, sector, credit and curve analysis in making investment decisions. Investment considerations may include interest rates, yield spreads, exchange rates, structures, credit spread and fundamental analysis of sovereign, government, corporate and structured finance issuers. In equities we search for wealth-creating companies whose equities can be purchased at a discount to their intrinsic value.

Risk

The risk level of the Fund did not change during the year. This Fund is suitable for investors seeking long-term growth and who have a low-to-medium tolerance for risk. General risks of investing in this Fund are outlined in the Prospectus and include the possibility of reduction in value of any given investment, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, and currency risk amongst others.

The Manager reduces the risk by imposing several constraints. The Fund requires a minimum of 25% in fixed income, which reduces the exposure to equity risk. The Manager also has an internal constraint of no more than 20% of its net assets to any one industry (i.e., sub-sector) as classified by the GICS to reduce concentration risk.

In addition, the pre-tax performance of the Fund may be affected by tax-effective trading. While this risk is minimized through our correlation analysis that attempts to harvest capital losses by switching into a highly correlated substitute, the correlation between securities can shift through time due to security-specific risk.

Given the difficulty in predicting interest rate moves, the Manager also limits exposure to this risk factor. In setting policy, the Canadian bond portfolio's duration is set within 1 year on either side of the index.

Results of Operations

The Fund's net assets increased 0.1% to \$1,595.3 million from \$1,594.1 million at December 31, 2024. Of this change, \$169.9 million is attributable to positive investment performance and -\$168.7 million was due to net redemptions to the Fund.

The Manager assesses the Fund's underlying securities for liquidity on a quarterly basis. During the period the Fund has remained in compliance with National Instrument 81-102.

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The Fund's A-series units returned 11.0% after management fees over 2024, in comparison to the blended benchmark return of 15.2% over the same period. Blended benchmark return consists of: 5% FTSE 91-day Treasury Bill Index; 35% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, 15% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 7.5% S&P/TSX SmallCap Index, 15% S&P 500 Index, 15% MSCI ACWI (ex. U.S., Net) and 7.5% MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index (Net). All performance values provided are in Canadian dollar terms.

2024 marked significant shifts in global markets and economic trends. U.S. equities demonstrated particular strength amid robust economic fundamentals and momentum-driven fund flows, posting the best back-to-back yearly returns since 1997 and 1998 in local currency (the run-up to the dot-com bubble bursting). This market's strength reflects growing investor confidence, particularly regarding potential policies around deregulation, corporate tax reform, and infrastructure investment.

Regarding asset mix, a portion of the U.S. equity allocation was shifted to the U.S. Mid Cap equity strategy to enhance overall portfolio diversification. Canadian fixed income weight was reduced to include a higher equity weight in the portfolio.

From a relative perspective, the Fund underperformed the blended benchmark due to security selection. Negative security selection over the period is attributable to the underperformance of the Fund's U.S. equity and global small cap holdings relative to the S&P 500 and ACWI Small Cap indices, respectively.

For the full calendar year, significant contributors to performance included advanced semiconductor manufacturer Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd, as it continued to benefit from increasing spending on AI infrastructure while its technological leadership provides the competitive advantage to translate higher demand into genuine wealth creation. Shares of German defense contractor Rheinmetall AG rose sharply due to geopolitical uncertainty, expectations for greater European defense spending, and strong internal execution. Insurance broker and long-time portfolio stalwart Aon PLC thrived in an environment of non-zero rates and a better-than-expected economy.

Detracting from fund performance, drug store operator Tsuruha Holdings Inc continues to suffer from a pandemic hangover, with demand for COVID-19 related products declining. Additionally, shares had risen last year on the hopes that Tsuruha would be acquired given the involvement of an activist investor but have subsequently fallen as this hasn't materialized. Outsourced R&D firm Alten SA was negatively impacted by investor sentiment around the French legislative election and increased uncertainty. Weaker customer demand, driven by cost-cutting and delayed purchases, has pressured value-added resellers like SoftwareOne, whose stock declined further amid internal challenges after restructuring their sales and marketing strategy.

Admittedly, there are important transitions occurring in the world today. Election results in 2024 can be broadly summarized as a resounding rejection of status quo incumbents and a swing to the right. A shift toward the G-Zero model coined by Ian Bremmer—a multipolar world devoid of global leadership—appears to have accelerated, with mercantilist trade policies and conflict on the ascendency. There's the promise of artificial intelligence, and bond investors appear increasingly wary of stretched government coffers.

Recent Developments

Effective December 31, 2024, Mr. Robert Kennedy retired from the Independent Review Committee (the "IRC"). Mr. Jerry Patava replaced Mr. Robert Kennedy on January 1, 2025.

Related Party Transactions – Management Fees

The Portfolio Advisor receives management fees of 0.78% per annum for series A units of the Fund. The management fee is calculated daily at the rate of 1/365 (or 1/366 in a leap year) as the percentage of aggregate net asset value of the Series A Units of the Fund as of the last Valuation Date. The fee accrues daily and is paid monthly in arrears. Management fees for Series O Units are payable directly to the Manager by Series O investors and not by the Fund.

The Manager of the Fund has the ability, at their discretion, to reduce the management fees for large investors. This reduction is effected by means of a management fee distribution and will be automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund at the net asset value of the Fund on the date of distribution. Mawer also receives fees for performing administrative services. As at December 31, 2024 the Fund owes Mawer \$0 related to these administrative services.

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 past five years. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements which are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit¹

SERIES A	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of year	42.58	39.41	45.62	42.20	38.70
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	1.25	1.16	0.95	0.83	0.77
Total expenses	(0.43)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.42)	(0.38)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	2.06	0.75	0.35	1.54	1.62
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	1.80	2.38	(6.78)	1.92	1.94
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	4.68	3.90	(5.87)	3.87	3.95
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.64)	(0.59)	(0.39)	(0.27)	(0.27)
From dividends	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.16)	(0.12)	(0.12)
From capital gains	(0.39)	-	-	(0.04)	(0.21)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions ³	(1.22)	(0.77)	(0.55)	(0.43)	(0.60)
Net Assets, end of year	46.02	42.58	39.41	45.62	42.20

SERIES O	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net Assets, beginning of year	41.15	38.08	44.08	41.49	37.99
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	1.21	1.12	0.92	0.82	0.75
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	1.97	0.73	0.33	1.51	1.56
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	1.73	2.31	(6.27)	1.91	1.91
Total increase (decrease) from operations²	4.87	4.12	(5.06)	4.20	4.18
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.90)	(0.83)	(0.62)	(0.52)	(0.50)
From dividends	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.22)
From capital gains	(0.34)	-	-	(0.80)	(0.13)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions ³	(1.51)	(1.08)	(0.88)	(1.56)	(0.85)
Net Assets, end of year	44.51	41.15	38.08	44.08	41.49

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's audited financial statements.

⁽²⁾ Net asset value 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 year.

⁽³⁾ Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and/or paid in cash.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

SERIES A	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) ¹	1,133,459	1,171,756	1,182,742	1,442,710	1,209,949
Number of units outstanding (000's) ¹	24,630	27,516	30,014	31,625	28,672
Management expense ratio ²	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%	0.89%
Trading expense ratio ³	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	45.87%	57.62%	64.17%	61.26%	43.41%
Net asset value per unit⁴	46.02	42.58	39.41	45.62	42.20

SERIES O	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) ¹	461,847	422,337	418,590	458,540	394,566
Number of units outstanding (000's) ¹	10,376	10,263	10,993	10,402	9,509
Management expense ratio ²	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.03%
Trading expense ratio ³	0.02%	0.02%	0.03%	0.02%	0.02%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁴	45.87%	57.62%	64.17%	61.26%	43.41%
Net asset value per unit¹	44.51	41.15	38.08	44.08	41.49

⁽¹⁾ This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown, as applicable.

⁽²⁾ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year.

⁽³⁾ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year.

⁽⁴⁾ The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's Portfolio Advisors manage 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.

Past Performance

Sales commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the Prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed. Their value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

The Fund's performance numbers assume that all distributions are reinvested in additional units of the Fund. If you hold this Fund outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions that are paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gains or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the Fund, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

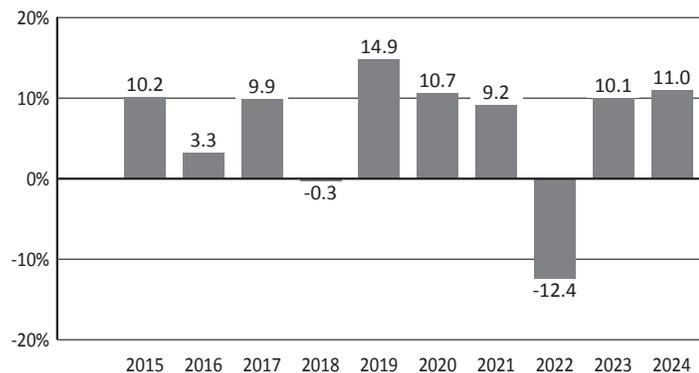
The past performance of the Fund is set out in the following charts.

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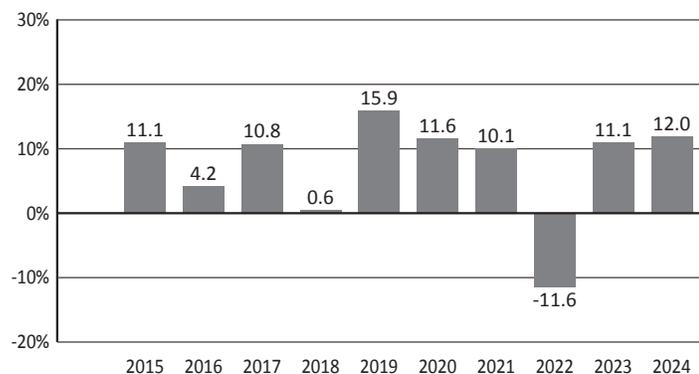
Year-by-Year Returns

The bar charts below show the Fund's annual performance in each of the past 10 years, if applicable, to December 31. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 of the fiscal year.

Series A^(*)



Series O^(*)



^(*) Series A start date was February 26, 1988; Series O start date was July 31, 2006.

Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the historical annual compound total return of the Fund for the periods shown ending on December 31, 2024. The annual compound total return is also compared to the Internal Tax Effective Balanced Benchmark ("TEB Benchmark") calculated on the same compound basis. All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all distributions are reinvested.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Mawer Tax Effective Balanced Fund – Series A	11.0%	2.3%	5.3%	6.4%	7.7%
Internal Tax Effective Balanced Benchmark	15.2%	5.0%	7.1%	6.8%	7.8%
Mawer Tax Effective Balanced Fund – Series O	12.0%	3.2%	6.2%	7.3%	8.0%
Internal Tax Effective Balanced Benchmark	15.2%	5.0%	7.1%	6.8%	6.5%

^(*) Series A start date was February 26, 1988; Series O start date was July 31, 2006.

The Internal TEB Benchmark is composed of the FTSE Canada 91 day T-Bill Index (5%); FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (35%), designed to reflect the Canadian bond market; S&P/TSX Composite Index (15%), designed to represent the Canadian mid-large cap equity market; S&P/TSX Small Cap Index (7.5%), designed to represent the Canadian small cap equity market; S&P 500 Index (15%), designed to represent the US equity market; MSCI ACWI ex-USA Index (net) (15%), designed to reflect international stock markets; and MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index (net) (7.5%), designed to represent the global small cap equity market. Prior to May 31, 2021 the TEB Benchmark consisted of FTSE Canada 91 day T-Bill Index (5%); FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (30%); FTSE World Government Bond Index (5%); S&P/TSX Composite Index (15%); S&P/TSX Small Cap Index (7.5%); S&P 500 Index (15%); MSCI ACWI ex-USA Index (net) (15%); and MSCI ACWI Small Cap Index (net) (7.5%).

Summary of Investment Portfolio

A summary of the Fund as at December 31, 2024 is as follows:

Asset Allocation	% of Net Assets
Equities	54.26%
Fixed Income	32.51%
Mutual Funds	
Equities	7.64%
Cash Equivalents	5.37%
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.22%
Total	100.00%

Regional Allocation	% of Net Assets
Asia Pacific Ex. Japan	3.29%
Canada	51.64%
Europe Ex. United Kingdom	10.50%
Japan	2.29%
Latin America	0.31%
United Kingdom	5.59%
United States	20.53%
Cash Equivalents	5.57%
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.27%
Total	100.00%

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Sector Allocation	% of Net Assets
Equities	
Communication Services	3.38%
Consumer Discretionary	3.96%
Consumer Staples	2.69%
Energy	2.61%
Financials	16.49%
Healthcare	6.11%
Industrials	13.25%
Information Technology	7.67%
Materials	3.09%
Real Estate	0.93%
Utilities	1.48%
Fixed Income	
Corporate	
Communication	1.79%
Energy	3.38%
Financial	3.75%
Industrial	2.92%
Infrastructure	1.81%
Federal	7.89%
Provincial	10.97%
Cash Equivalents	5.57%
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.27%
Total	100.00%

Fixed Income by Credit Rating	% of Fixed Income
AAA	24.17%
AA	32.73%
A	23.60%
BBB	19.50%
Total	100.00%

The following table lists the 25 largest holdings of the Fund (or all holdings if the total number of holdings is less than 25) as at December 31, 2024.

Issuer	% of Net Assets
Mawer Global Small Cap Fund Series O	6.43%
Cash Equivalents	5.37%
Province of Quebec 3.60% Sep 01/33	2.86%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1 2.15% Dec 15/31	2.37%
Province of Ontario 3.65% Jun 02/33	1.87%
Government of Canada 2.00% Jun 01/32	1.82%
Government of Canada 3.25% Dec 01/33	1.61%
Mawer Emerging Markets Equity Fund Series O	1.21%
Canadian Pacific Railway Company 2.54% Feb 28/28	1.08%
Aon PLC Cl. A	0.94%
JPMorgan Chase & Co. 1.90% Mar 05/28	0.93%
Amphenol Corporation Cl. A	0.88%
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company Limited	0.82%
Microsoft Corporation	0.77%
Royal Bank of Canada	0.77%
Canada Housing Trust No. 1 3.50% Dec 15/34	0.76%
Government of Canada 2.00% Dec 01/51	0.74%
Visa Inc. Cl. A	0.74%
Alphabet Inc. Cl. C	0.69%
Hydro One Inc. 4.91% Jan 27/28	0.67%
Tencent Holdings Limited	0.66%
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	0.64%
Brookfield Corporation Cl. A	0.63%
Compass Group PLC	0.63%
Province of Alberta 3.10% Jun 01/50	0.61%
Total	36.50%

The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of this fund. The top 25 holdings are made available quarterly, 60 days after quarter-end and may be obtained by contacting your registered representative or by contacting the Manager toll-free at 1-844-395-0747 or by e-mail at info@mawer.com. The Prospectus and other information about the underlying mutual fund(s) are available online at www.sedarplus.com and www.mawer.com.