

# BMO U.S. Equity Fund (the “Fund”)

For the 12-month period ended September 30, 2024 (the “Period”)

Manager: BMO Investments Inc. (the “Manager” or “BMOI”)

Portfolio manager: Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, Boston, Massachusetts

## 2024 Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

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### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund’s objective is to increase the value of your investment over the long term by investing in equities of well-established U.S. companies that may be undervalued by the marketplace.

The portfolio manager examines the financial statistics of each potential investment by looking for attractive prices, consistent earnings, and evidence that the company’s management believes in the company’s future. The portfolio manager ranks the potential investments and the highest-ranked securities are included in the portfolio. The portfolio manager may use general environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) integration in the security selection process.

#### Risk

The risks associated with an investment in the Fund remain as disclosed in the Fund’s most recent simplified prospectus or any amendments thereto, and fund facts. During the Period, there were no changes to the Fund that materially affected the overall risk level associated with an investment in the Fund. On May 2024, the Manager reviewed the Fund using the standardized investment risk classification methodology prescribed by National Instrument 81-102 *Investment Funds* and determined that the risk rating of the Fund had not changed. The Manager reviews the Fund’s investment risk level and reference index, if any, at least annually.

#### Results of Operations

During the Period, the Fund’s total net asset value changed from approximately \$918 million to approximately \$1,132 million. Series A units of the Fund returned 32.91%. Please see the *Past Performance* section for information on the performance returns of the Fund’s other series.

During the first half of the Period, inflation continued to cool. In November 2023, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (“Fed”) released projections pointing to 75 basis points of interest rate cuts in 2024. This led to a significant reversal in equity and bond markets. The yield on 10-year U.S. Treasuries, which had briefly breached 5%, quickly retreated, ending the year below 4%. U.S. equities rebounded, with the benchmark posting a gain through the end of the year. A higher-than-expected inflation report in February 2024 did little to dissuade investors from bidding equities higher. In its March meeting, the Fed confirmed it still expected to cut interest rates three times in 2024.

In the latter half of the Period, disinflation was accompanied by gradual economic slowdown. Core inflation moderated, but job growth remained resilient. Home prices rose to an all-time high in May 2024, accompanied by a continued drop in existing home sales.

Late in the Period, the Fed finally began to reduce interest rates, making a 50-basis-point rate cut. This was driven by the Fed’s dual mandate of controlling inflation and maintaining employment. Inflation continued to moderate to a rate much closer to the Fed’s target. However, the employment picture showed weakness, with non-farm payroll gains slowing and the unemployment rate rising.



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With the second-quarter gross domestic product growth estimate at a solid 3%, the Fed made its first interest rate cut. S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$ hedged) returned 34.8% throughout the Period.

Stock selection within the Information Technology, Consumer Discretionary, and Consumer Staples sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Top individual contributors to performance included holdings in NVIDIA Corporation, Meta Platforms Inc., and Cintas Corp. NVIDIA Corporation's stock continued to rise amid investor enthusiasm for artificial intelligence ("AI"). Meta Platforms Inc. also benefited from AI demand and robust social media advertising. Cintas Corp. reported better-than-expected profit and revenue expectations spurred by solid demand for its services.

The Fund's overweight allocation to the Energy sector detracted from performance. Stock selection within the Industrials and Health Care sectors also detracted from the Fund's performance. A holding in Robert Half International Inc. detracted from performance as businesses remained cautious of hiring during economic uncertainty. Monster Beverage Corp. detracted from the Fund's performance, trading lower in response to weakness in the energy drink market. The Fund's position in Everest Re Group Ltd. detracted from performance as it reported disappointing underwriting results.

The portfolio manager added a new holding in Vistra Corp. to the Fund based on its attractive growth profile and strong earnings revisions. The company is positioned to capitalize on increasing power demand over the coming years. An existing position in American Express Co. was increased based on its high quality, attractive valuation, and earnings stability.

Lululemon Athletica Inc. was eliminated from the Fund after the company reported softer product demand. A holding in Berkshire Hathaway Inc. was trimmed after its CEO, Warren Buffett, turned 94 years old.

## *Change in Trailing Commission*

On September 1, 2024, the Manager increased the trailing commission payable on Classic Series of the Fund from 0.50% to 1.00%. This change has no impact on the cost of ownership of these securities.

*For information on the Fund's performance and composition, please refer to the Past Performance section and Summary of Investment Portfolio section of this report.*

## **Recent Developments**

The prospect of more Fed interest rate cuts in the coming quarters could boost labour markets, consumer health, the overall economy, and equity markets.

While there were signs of higher delinquency rates in consumer credit and auto loans, spending remains robust and lower interest rates could provide additional cushion for consumers. However, the labour market seems to be weakening. The upcoming U.S. presidential election may contribute to market volatility. Geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine are another source of risk.

The portfolio manager expects an increased emphasis on company fundamentals and earnings. Artificial intelligence adoption has the potential to transform businesses. Companies in that market will experience varied fortunes depending on individual successes, failures, and prospects. This leads the portfolio manager to believe that the companies that can execute their strategies as well as post solid earnings and cash flows will likely be rewarded. Therefore, profitability, margins, and cash flow generation characteristics could continue to be important for companies seeking to fund their own growth.

## **Subsequent Event**

### *Re-designation of Classic Series*

As at the close of business on or about November 22, 2024, Classic Series Units of the Fund will be re-designated to Advisor Series Units.

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

From time to time, the Manager may, on behalf of the Fund, enter into transactions or arrangements with or involving other members of BMO Financial Group, or certain other persons or companies that are related or connected to the Manager (each, a "Related Party"). The purpose of this section is to provide a brief description of any transaction involving the Fund and a Related Party.

## **Manager**

BMO Investments Inc., an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Montreal ("BMO"), is the Manager and trustee of the Fund. The Manager is paid a management fee by the Fund as compensation for its services, which is described in the "Management Fees" section later in this document.

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## Administration Fee and Operating Expenses

The Fund pays a fixed administration fee to the Manager in respect of each series other than Series I. The Manager in return pays the operating expenses of these series of the Fund, other than certain specified expenses that are paid directly by the Fund (“Fund Expenses”). Fund Expenses are allocated proportionately among the relevant series. If the Fund Expenses are specific to a series, the Fund Expenses are allocated to that series. The fixed administration fee is calculated as a fixed annual percentage of the net asset value of each relevant series of the Fund. The annual fixed administration fee rate for each series of the Fund, other than Series I, is 0.25%. The administration fee is subject to applicable taxes. The Manager may, in certain cases, waive a portion of the administration fee that it receives from the Fund or from certain series of the Fund. Separate fees and expenses are negotiated and paid directly by each Series I investor. Further details about the fixed administration fee, Fund Expenses and/or operating expenses can be found in the Fund’s most recent simplified prospectus at [www.bmogam.com/ca-en/resources/legal-and-regulatory-documents](http://www.bmogam.com/ca-en/resources/legal-and-regulatory-documents) or [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

## Buying and Selling Securities

During the Period and pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the Fund relied on standing instructions provided by the independent review committee (“IRC”) with respect to one or more of the following related party transactions (each, a “Related Party Transaction”):

- (a) investments in securities issued by BMO;
- (b) investments in a class of securities of an issuer during the period of distribution of those securities to the public and/or the 60-day period following the distribution period where a related party dealer acted as an underwriter in the distribution;
- (c) trades in debt securities of any issuer from or to a related party dealer acting as principal; and
- (d) trades of a security of any issuer from or to another investment fund or managed account managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager.

In accordance with the IRC’s standing instructions, in making a decision to cause the Fund to enter into a Related Party Transaction, the Manager and the portfolio manager of the Fund are required to comply with the Manager’s written policies and procedures governing the Related Party Transaction and, among other things, advise the IRC of non-compliance with the applicable policies and procedures. The governing policies and procedures are designed to ensure that each Related Party Transaction (i) is made free from any influence of BMO, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO and/or BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., and without taking into account any considerations relevant to BMO, BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. or an associate or affiliate of BMO and/or BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.; (ii) represents the business judgment of the Manager and/or portfolio manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (iii) is in compliance with the Manager’s written policies and procedures; and (iv) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

## Other Transactions with a Related Party

During the Period and pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the Fund relied on standing instructions and positive recommendations provided by the IRC with respect to engaging a Related Party as a derivatives counterparty or service provider.

## Distribution Services

The Manager markets and distributes the Fund through BMO branches and/or (depending on the series) through registered dealers and brokers, including BMO InvestorLine Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., both affiliates of the Manager. The Manager pays to these affiliates a service fee called a “trailing commission” based on the average daily value of the units that are held in investor accounts. This service fee is paid monthly or quarterly and varies by purchase option and by series.

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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 periods indicated.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>

#### Series A Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 31.66	28.46	32.31	26.12	24.28
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.60	0.53	0.46	0.45	0.44
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.96	-0.83	-0.86	-0.81	-0.69
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 2.95	4.67	2.64	2.98	2.47
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 7.79	0.07	-5.26	3.61	-0.25
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 10.38	4.44	-3.02	6.23	1.97
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income					
(excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ 0.42	1.15	0.80	0.01	0.02
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.42	1.15	0.80	0.01	0.02
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 41.56	31.66	28.46	32.31	26.12

#### Series A (Hedged) Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 14.39	12.34	15.68	12.12	11.49
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.27	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.20
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.44	-0.38	-0.41	-0.39	-0.32
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 1.26	2.20	-0.09	2.04	1.00
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 3.53	0.06	-2.62	1.72	-0.06
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 4.62	2.12	-2.90	3.59	0.82
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income					
(excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ —	—	0.44	0.01	0.01
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ —	—	0.44	0.01	0.01
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 19.03	14.39	12.34	15.68	12.12

## Advisor Series Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 21.47	19.27	21.84	17.66	16.42
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.40	0.36	0.31	0.30	0.30
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.65	-0.57	-0.58	-0.55	-0.47
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 2.01	3.47	1.78	2.03	1.67
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 5.25	-1.15	-3.66	2.39	-0.18
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 7.01	2.11	-2.15	4.17	1.32
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income					
(excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ 0.29	0.76	0.51	0.01	0.01
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.29	0.76	0.51	0.01	0.01
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 28.18	21.47	19.27	21.84	17.66

## Advisor Series (Hedged) Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 14.43	12.36	15.74	12.17	11.53
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.28	0.24	0.22	0.22	0.21
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.46	-0.39	-0.41	-0.40	-0.33
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 1.30	2.20	-0.09	2.08	1.04
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 3.53	0.15	-2.54	1.71	0.07
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations <sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 4.65	2.20	-2.82	3.61	0.99
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income					
(excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ —	—	0.50	0.01	0.01
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ —	—	0.50	0.01	0.01
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 19.05	14.43	12.36	15.74	12.17

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## Series F Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
		2023	2022	2021	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 35.44	31.17	34.73	27.61	25.24
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.67	0.59	0.51	0.48	0.46
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.43	-0.36	-0.36	-0.34	-0.30
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 3.35	5.33	2.83	3.18	2.57
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 8.71	-0.53	-7.35	3.77	-0.42
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 12.30	5.03	-4.37	7.09	2.31
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ 0.47	1.09	0.79	0.01	0.02
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.47	1.09	0.79	0.01	0.02
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 47.26	35.44	31.17	34.73	27.61

## Series F (Hedged) Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
		2023	2022	2021	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 16.86	14.18	17.67	13.41	12.56
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.31	0.28	0.25	0.24	0.24
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.20	-0.17	-0.18	-0.17	-0.15
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 1.26	2.55	-0.78	2.11	1.33
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 4.72	-0.02	-3.23	1.98	0.13
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 6.09	2.64	-3.94	4.16	1.55
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ —	—	0.47	0.01	0.01
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ —	—	0.47	0.01	0.01
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 22.68	16.86	14.18	17.67	13.41

## Series D Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
		2023	2022	2021	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ —	17.03	19.11	15.25	13.99
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ —	0.32	0.26	0.26	0.26
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ —	-0.27	-0.28	-0.25	-0.22
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ —	2.94	1.62	1.75	1.45
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ —	0.71	-0.30	2.10	-0.19
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ —	3.70	1.30	3.86	1.30
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ —	0.06	0.79	0.01	0.01
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ —	0.06	0.79	0.01	0.01
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ —	—	17.03	19.11	15.25

## Series I Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			2020
		2023	2022	2021	
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 25.58	25.64	28.05	22.38	20.32
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.49	0.49	0.41	0.38	0.38
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.06	-0.06	-0.06	-0.06	-0.07
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 2.44	3.17	2.33	2.49	1.89
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 6.17	1.46	-4.93	3.25	-0.49
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 9.04	5.06	-2.25	6.06	1.71
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	0.03	0.03
From capital gains	\$ 0.36	4.52	0.33	0.27	0.02
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.36	4.52	0.33	0.30	0.05
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 34.36	25.58	25.64	28.05	22.38

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## Series N Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 15.46	13.71	15.25	12.06	10.96
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	\$ 0.29	0.26	0.22	0.21	0.20
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.09	-0.08	-0.08	-0.07	-0.07
Realized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 1.45	2.26	1.28	1.39	1.14
Unrealized gains (losses)					
for the period	\$ 3.88	0.04	-2.24	1.72	-0.13
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>					
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 5.53	2.48	-0.82	3.25	1.14
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From dividends	\$ —	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	\$ 0.21	0.67	0.41	0.01	0.01
Return of capital	\$ —	—	—	—	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.21	0.67	0.41	0.01	0.01
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 20.73	15.46	13.71	15.25	12.06

## Classic Series Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30
		2023 <sup>(5)</sup>
Net assets, beginning of period	\$ 9.78	10.00 <sup>*</sup>
<b>Increase (decrease)</b>		
<b>from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	\$ 0.19	0.05
Total expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ -0.28	-0.08
Realized gains (losses)		
for the period	\$ 0.92	0.86
Unrealized gains (losses)		
for the period	\$ 2.39	-1.63
<b>Total increase (decrease)</b>		
<b>from operations<sup>(3)</sup></b>	\$ 3.22	-0.80
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ —	—
From dividends	\$ —	—
From capital gains	\$ 0.13	—
Return of capital	\$ —	—
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>(4)</sup></b>	\$ 0.13	—
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	\$ 12.86	9.78

<sup>\*</sup> Initial net assets.

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes commissions and other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes.

<sup>(3)</sup> 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 beginning to ending net assets per unit.

<sup>(4)</sup> Distributions were either paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both. The allocation of the distributions from each of income, dividends, capital gains and return of capital is based on the Manager's estimate as at September 30 of the period shown, as applicable, which is the Fund's financial period-end. However, the actual allocation of distributions is determined as at December 15, the Fund's tax year-end. Accordingly, the actual allocation among income, dividends, capital gains and return of capital may differ from these estimates.

<sup>(5)</sup> The information shown in this column is for the period beginning May 30, 2023 (the series' inception date) and ending September 30, 2023.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

### Series A Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 821,963	671,173	674,733	798,094	701,693
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	19,778	21,198	23,706	24,700	26,869
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 2.39	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49	2.49
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 41.56	31.66	28.46	32.31	26.12

### Series A (Hedged) Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 7,794	6,214	5,884	7,502	6,039
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	410	432	477	478	498
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 2.41	2.50	2.50	2.49	2.48
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 2.50	2.50	2.50	2.49	2.48
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 19.03	14.39	12.34	15.68	12.12

### Advisor Series Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 76,008	60,289	23,912	26,439	20,041
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,697	2,808	1,241	1,210	1,135
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 2.40	2.49	2.49	2.50	2.50
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 2.49	2.49	2.49	2.50	2.50
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 28.18	21.47	19.27	21.84	17.66

### Advisor Series (Hedged) Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 972	533	608	811	635
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	51	37	49	51	52
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 2.42	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.52
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 2.54	2.53	2.53	2.54	2.55
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 19.05	14.43	12.36	15.74	12.17

### Series F Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 128,176	98,892	67,666	40,571	33,142
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,712	2,790	2,171	1,168	1,200
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.84
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 0.83	0.83	0.83	0.84	0.84
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 47.26	35.44	31.17	34.73	27.61

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## Series F (Hedged) Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 510	697	608	290	220
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	23	41	43	16	16
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.82	0.82	0.83	0.83	0.82
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 0.83	0.83	0.85	0.86	0.84
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 22.68	16.86	14.18	17.67	13.41

## Series D Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ —	—	177	31,016	25,893
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	10	1,623	1,698
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% —	1.22	1.21	1.22	1.22
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% —	1.22	1.22	1.22	1.22
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% —	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% —	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ —	—	17.03	19.11	15.25

## Series I Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 44,665	38,136	321,714	284,208	338,889
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,300	1,491	12,546	10,132	15,143
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% —	—	—	—	—
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	% —	—	—	—	—
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 34.36	25.58	25.64	28.05	22.38

## Series N Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30			
		2023	2022	2021	2020
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 22,513	19,812	19,507	32,803	30,971
Number of units					
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	1,086	1,281	1,423	2,151	2,569
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
Management expense ratio					
before waivers or absorptions	% 0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	39.55	27.01	76.29
Net asset value per unit	\$ 20.73	15.46	13.71	15.25	12.06

## Classic Series Units

	2024	Periods ended Sep. 30	
		2023 <sup>(1)</sup>	2023 <sup>(1)</sup>
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 29,334	22,576	
Number of units			
outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	2,280	2,308	
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 2.22	2.22	
Management expense ratio			
before waivers or absorptions	% 2.22	2.22	
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% 0.01	0.02	
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 41.20	50.49	
Net asset value per unit	\$ 12.86	9.78	

+ Operating expenses are paid by BMOII and management fees are paid directly to BMOII as negotiated with the investor.

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at September 30 of the period shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) 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 rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages 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.

<sup>(5)</sup> The information shown in this column is for the period beginning May 30, 2023 (the series' inception date) and ending September 30, 2023.

## Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day management of the business and operations of the Fund. The Manager monitors and evaluates the Fund's performance, pays for the investment advice provided by the Fund's portfolio manager and provides certain administrative services required by the Fund. As compensation for its services, the Manager is entitled to receive a management fee payable monthly, calculated based on the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund at the annual rate set out in the table below. The management fee is subject to applicable taxes. The Manager may, at its discretion, waive a portion or the entire amount of the management fee chargeable at any given time for each series of the Fund.

	Annual Management Fee Rate	As a Percentage of Management Fees	
		Dealer Compensation	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit
	%	%	%
Series A Units	2.00	50	50
Series A (Hedged) Units	2.00	50	50
Advisor Series Units	2.00	49	51
Advisor Series (Hedged) Units	2.00	44	56
Series F Units	0.50	0	100
Series F (Hedged) Units	0.50	0	100
Series I Units <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—
Series N Units <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—
Classic Series Units	1.75	1	99

<sup>(1)</sup> For Series I Units, separate Series I fees are negotiated and paid directly by each Series I investor. The combined management and administration fees for Series I Units will not exceed the management fee charged for Advisor Series or Series A Units.

<sup>(2)</sup> Series N investors pay a separate fee directly to their dealer, a portion of which is paid to the Manager. Such portion will not exceed the management fee rate charged for Series F Units.

# BMO U.S. Equity Fund

## PAST PERFORMANCE

The Fund's performance information assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund and is based on the net asset value of the Fund. The reinvestment of distributions increases returns. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income taxes payable that, if applicable, would have reduced returns or performance. Please remember that how the Fund has performed in the past does not indicate how it will perform in the future.

The returns of each series may differ from one another for a number of reasons, including if the series was not issued and outstanding for the entire reporting period and because of the different levels of management fees and expenses allocated and payable by each series.

On August 31, 2016, BMO Asset Management Inc. became the portfolio manager of the Fund and BMO Asset Management Corp. became the sub-advisor of the Fund.

On February 1, 2017, the management fee on Series F and Series F (Hedged) Units was lowered from 0.60% to 0.50%.

On December 16, 2021, Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC replaced BMO Asset Management Inc. as portfolio manager of the Fund, and BMO Asset Management Corp. ceased to act as sub-advisor of the Fund.

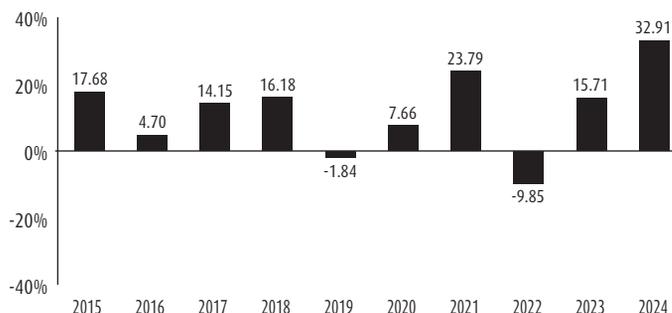
On August 25, 2023, BMO U.S. Equity Class merged into BMO U.S. Equity Fund.

These changes could have affected the performance of the Fund had they been in effect throughout the performance measurement periods presented.

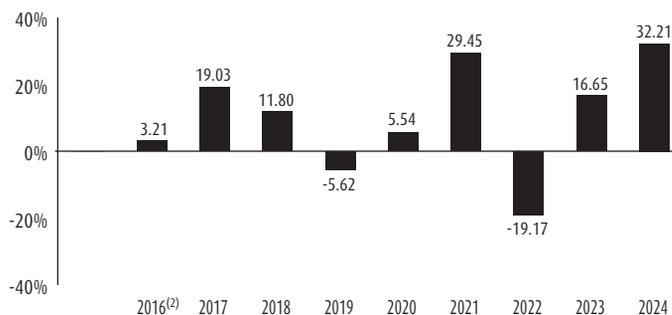
## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts show the performance of each series of the Fund for each of the financial years shown and for the Period, and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

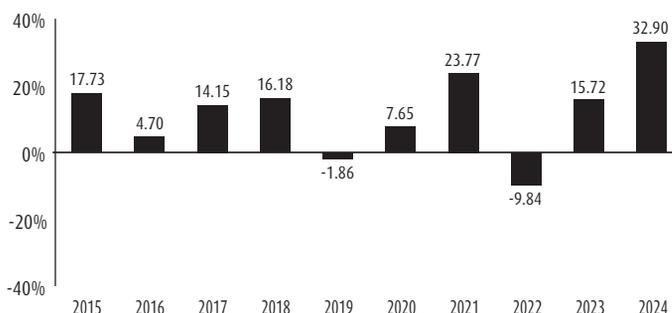
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### Series A (Hedged) Units

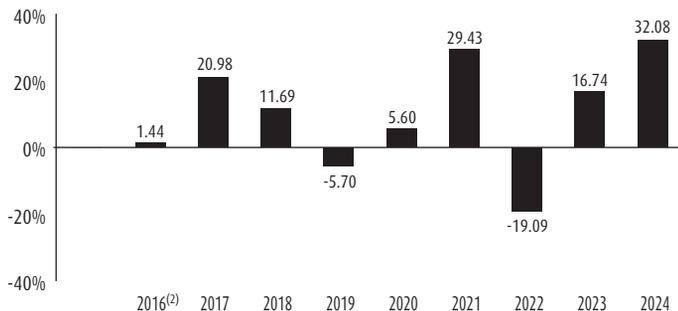


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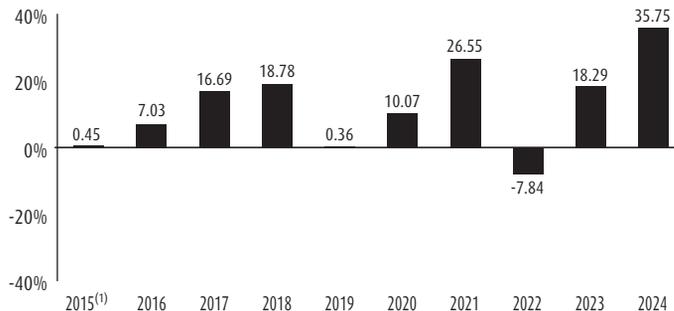


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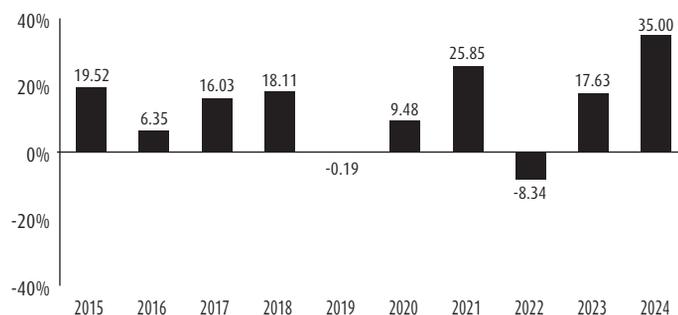
## Advisor Series (Hedged) Units



## Series N Units



## Series F Units



## Classic Series Units

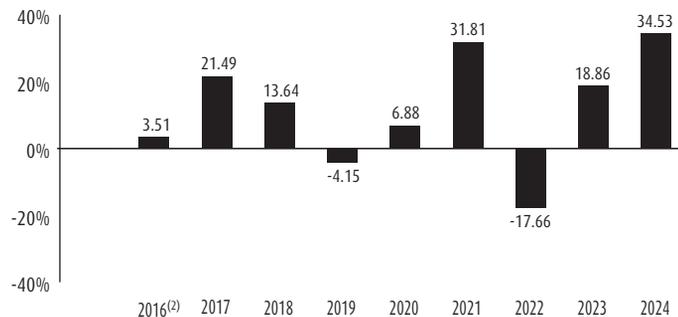


<sup>(1)</sup> For the period beginning with the performance launch date of April 20, 2015 to September 30, 2015.

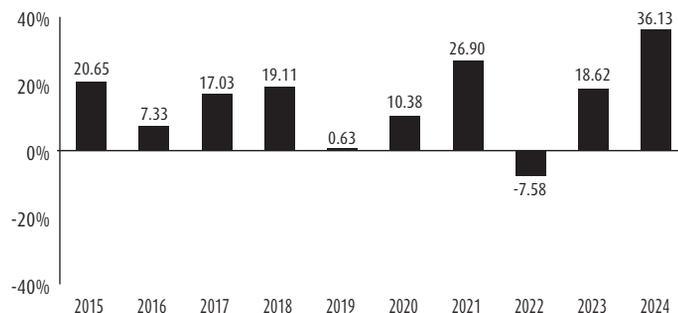
<sup>(2)</sup> For the period beginning with the performance launch date of May 2, 2016 to September 30, 2016.

<sup>(3)</sup> For the period beginning with the performance launch date of June 16, 2023 to September 30, 2023.

## Series F (Hedged) Units



## Series I Units



## Annual Compound Returns

This table compares the historical annual compound returns of the Fund with its benchmark, the S&P 500 Total Return Index (“S&P 500”) (C\$) and the S&P 500 (C\$ hedged) for the hedged series. The S&P 500 is a broad-based index.

The S&P 500 is a market capitalization-weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies.

The S&P 500 (C\$) is reported in Canadian dollars. For the S&P 500 (C\$ hedged), the U.S. dollar exposure is hedged to the Canadian dollar.

## Series A Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	32.91	11.50	13.06	11.48	
S&P 500 (C\$)	%	35.77	14.39	16.46	15.54	

## Series A (Hedged) Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(*)</sup>
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	32.21	7.63	11.24		9.86
S&P 500 (C\$ hedged)	%	34.81	10.70	14.66		13.69

# BMO U.S. Equity Fund

## Advisor Series Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	32.90	11.51	13.06	11.48	
S&P 500 (C\$)	%	35.77	14.39	16.46	15.54	

## Advisor Series (Hedged) Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(2)</sup>
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	32.08	7.65	11.26		9.84
S&P 500 (C\$ hedged)	%	34.81	10.70	14.66		13.69

## Series F Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	35.00	13.33	14.93	13.31	
S&P 500 (C\$)	%	35.77	14.39	16.46	15.54	

## Series F (Hedged) Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(2)</sup>
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	34.53	9.60	13.15		11.71
S&P 500 (C\$ hedged)	%	34.81	10.70	14.66		13.69

## Series I Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	36.13	14.28	15.89	14.27	
S&P 500 (C\$)	%	35.77	14.39	16.46	15.54	

## Series N Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	35.75	13.96	15.57		12.65
S&P 500 (C\$)	%	35.77	14.39	16.46		14.61

## Classic Series Units

		1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception <sup>(1)</sup>
BMO U.S. Equity Fund	%	33.14				22.61
S&P 500 (C\$)	%	35.77				27.10

<sup>(1)</sup> Return from the performance launch date of April 20, 2015 to September 30, 2024.

<sup>(2)</sup> Return from the performance launch date of May 2, 2016 to September 30, 2024.

<sup>(3)</sup> Return from the performance launch date of June 16, 2023 to September 30, 2024.

*A commentary on the market and/or information regarding the relative performance of the Fund as compared to its benchmark can be found under the Results of Operations section of this report.*

# BMO U.S. Equity Fund

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at September 30, 2024

<b>Portfolio Allocation</b>	<b>% of Net Asset Value</b>	<b>Top 25 Holdings Issuer</b>	<b>% of Net Asset Value</b>
Information Technology	29.3	NVIDIA Corporation	7.1
Financials	13.5	Apple Inc.	6.0
Consumer Discretionary	12.5	Microsoft Corporation	5.5
Health Care	11.6	Alphabet Inc.	4.8
Communication Services	9.0	Amazon.com, Inc.	4.7
Industrials	8.7	Meta Platforms, Inc., Class A	3.0
Consumer Staples	6.8	Walmart Inc.	2.0
Utilities	2.8	Mastercard Incorporated, Class A	1.8
Energy	2.4	Salesforce, Inc.	1.7
Materials	1.4	Exxon Mobil Corporation	1.7
Real Estate	1.0	Booking Holdings Inc.	1.7
Cash/Receivables/Payables	1.0	American Express Company	1.6
<b>Total Portfolio Allocation</b>	<b>100.0</b>	Broadcom Inc.	1.5
		Coca-Cola Company, The	1.5
		TJX Companies, Inc., The	1.5
		Cisco Systems, Inc.	1.5
		Cummins Inc.	1.5
		Citizens Financial Group, Inc.	1.4
		Cintas Corporation	1.4
		Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	1.4
		Colgate-Palmolive Company	1.4
		Citigroup Inc.	1.4
		F5, Inc.	1.3
		Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., The	1.3
		NXP Semiconductors N.V.	1.3
		<b>Top Holdings as a Percentage of Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>60.0</b>
		<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$1,131,934,933</b>

*The summary of investment portfolio may change due to the Fund's ongoing portfolio transactions. Updates are available quarterly.*

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