

**INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT  
OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

**June 30 2023**

**CHOU BOND FUND**

**CHOU ASSOCIATES MANAGEMENT INC.**

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Unitholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

This document may contain forward-looking statements relating to anticipated future events, results, circumstances, performance, or expectations that are not historical facts but instead represent our beliefs regarding future events. By their nature, forward-looking statements require us to make assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. There is significant risk that predictions and other forward-looking statements will not prove to be accurate. We caution readers of this document not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements as a number of factors could cause actual future results, conditions, actions or events to differ materially from the targets, expectations, estimates or intentions expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements.

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Chou Associates Management Inc. ("the Manager") manages the overall business of the Fund, including the selection of the securities in the Fund's portfolio and promoting sales of the Fund's units. For the purposes of this document, the terms Chou Associates Management Inc. and "the Manager" are interchangeable. Full contact information for the Manager is located at the end of this report.

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objective and Strategies

Chou Bond Fund's (the "Fund") objective is to provide conservation of principal and income production with capital appreciation as a secondary consideration. The Fund invests primarily in Canadian and U.S. fixed income instruments considered by Chou Associates Management Inc. (the "Manager") to be undervalued. These bonds include, but are not limited to, Government of Canada, provincial, municipal and corporate issues, including convertibles and high yield bonds. Investments may be made in bonds outside of Canada and the U.S. The Fund may also use derivatives such as, but not limited to, futures, options, swaps and forward contracts to gain exposure to securities and asset classes consistent with the objectives of the Fund, and to hedge portfolio exposure against losses from foreign currency and domestic currency exposure and changes in securities prices.

### Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund are disclosed in the Fund's most recently filed Simplified Prospectus which can be found on the Fund's website at [www.choufunds.com](http://www.choufunds.com) and SEDAR+ at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

During the period ended June 30, 2023, there were no material changes that affected the Fund's overall level of risk.

### Market Review

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield index, delivered a positive return of 5.4% in US dollars. The Fed is in the midst of the most aggressive interest-rate-hiking cycle in 40 years. While inflation has responded to the hike, the core inflation remains sticky and above the Fed's 2.0% target.

Therefore, we remain cautious while looking for opportunities in the bond market.

### Results of Operations

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2023, the Fund increased by 0.2% for Series A units and 0.3% for Series F units after fees and expenses, while Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index grew 2.9% in Canadian dollars. In U.S. dollars, the Fund increased 2.5% for Series A units and 2.6% for Series F units, while Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index grew 5.4%.

The major advancers in the first half of 2023 were the debt holding of Avation Capital SA, 8.250% due October 31, 2026, MBIA Global Funding LLC, Zero Coupon due December 15, 2031 and 1375209 BC Limited, 9.000% due January 30, 2028.

The decliner in the period were the equity holding of EXCO Resources Inc. and the debt holding of Bausch Health Companies Inc., 11.000% due September 30, 2028.

The Canadian currency appreciated against the US dollar, which also negatively affected the Fund.

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## **Portfolio Update**

During the period, The Fund made a series of new bond investments. These include the following bonds:

- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation., 5.125%, due August 22, 2025
- Lumen Technologies Inc. 4.000%, due February 15, 2027
- World Acceptance Corporation, 7.000%, due November 1, 2026

The Fund had no covered call options in its portfolio as at June 30, 2023.

In the first half of 2023, the Fund received \$649 in income from its securities lending program.

The Fund did not enter into any foreign currency contracts during the period.

The Fund's net redemptions in for the period ended June 30, 2023 were approximately \$557,528 for Series A units and the Fund's net purchases were approximately \$341,417 for Series F units. The Fund's average month-end cash position for the period was 20.9% of the Fund's net assets.

## **Recent Developments**

The ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine has continued to disrupt businesses around the world, adding volatility to both domestic and international markets. While governments and central banks have maintained their support of the economy through monetary and fiscal policies, the health of the economy remains unclear at this time. Based on this increased uncertainty, we expect the performance of the Fund's portfolio to be affected to some degree in the near term.

## **Related Party Transactions**

The Manager manages the overall business of the Fund, including selection of the securities in the Fund's portfolio, and promoting the sale of the Fund's units.

The Manager is also the trustee of the Fund. Investors receive units of a trust when they invest in the Fund. The Manager, as trustee, holds the actual title to the property in the Fund, the cash and portfolio securities, on behalf of the Fund's investors.

The Manager, its officers and directors invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. As of June 30, 2023, the Manager, its officers and directors do not hold any units of the Fund. All transactions with the Manager are carried out at the Fund's net asset value as at the transaction date.

During the period ended June 30, 2023, there were no transactions with related parties except in the capacities and instances set out above.

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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 period ended June 30, 2023, and for each of the past five years ended December 31.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series A Units

	<u>Jun 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 9.33</b>	<b>\$ 8.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>	<b>\$ 5.91</b>	<b>\$ 9.01</b>	<b>\$ 8.21</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.48
Total expenses	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.15)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.03	\$ (2.35)	\$ (1.29)	\$ 1.26	\$ (0.33)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.38	\$ 4.69	\$ 2.47	\$ (4.54)	\$ 0.42
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>	<b>\$ 0.61</b>	<b>\$ 2.70</b>	<b>\$ 1.49</b>	<b>\$ (2.32)</b>	<b>\$ 0.42</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.85	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.42
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.17</b>	<b>\$ 0.43</b>	<b>\$ 0.85</b>	<b>\$ 0.84</b>	<b>\$ 0.42</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 9.35</b>	<b>\$ 9.33</b>	<b>\$ 8.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>	<b>\$ 5.91</b>	<b>\$ 9.01</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period (USD)</b>	<b>\$ 7.06</b>	<b>\$ 6.89</b>	<b>\$ 6.95</b>	<b>\$ 5.13</b>	<b>\$ 4.55</b>	<b>\$ 6.60</b>

### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A Units

	<u>Jun 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$ 5,102</b>	<b>\$ 5,648</b>	<b>\$ 9,235</b>	<b>\$ 7,224</b>	<b>\$ 7,713</b>	<b>\$ 15,016</b>
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding	545,536	605,477	1,050,115	1,105,932	1,305,522	1,666,054
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.77%	1.78%	1.37%	1.42%	1.60%	1.85%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>5</sup>	1.77%	1.78%	1.37%	1.42%	1.60%	1.85%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.05%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>	0.00%	78.25%	44.47%	54.84%	11.84%	13.97%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	<b>\$ 9.35</b>	<b>\$ 9.33</b>	<b>\$ 8.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>	<b>\$ 5.91</b>	<b>\$ 9.01</b>

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## The Fund's Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup> - Series F Units

	<u>Jun 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	<b>\$ 9.52</b>	<b>\$ 9.06</b>	<b>\$ 6.71</b>	<b>\$ 6.06</b>	<b>\$ 9.17</b>	<b>\$ 8.41</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45	\$ 1.32	\$ 0.49
Total expenses	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.14)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (2.52)	\$ (0.91)	\$ 0.98	\$ (0.11)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ (0.12)	\$ 0.77	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.22	\$ (4.34)	\$ 1.16
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.03</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 2.87</b>	<b>\$ 1.67</b>	<b>\$ (2.15)</b>	<b>\$ 1.40</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ -	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.50
From dividends	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 0.26</b>	<b>\$ 0.44</b>	<b>\$ 0.91</b>	<b>\$ 0.82</b>	<b>\$ 0.50</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 9.56</b>	<b>\$ 9.52</b>	<b>\$ 9.06</b>	<b>\$ 6.71</b>	<b>\$ 6.06</b>	<b>\$ 9.17</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period (USD)</b>	<b>\$ 7.22</b>	<b>\$ 7.03</b>	<b>\$ 7.16</b>	<b>\$ 5.27</b>	<b>\$ 4.67</b>	<b>\$ 6.72</b>

## Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units

	<u>Jun 2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$ 5,906</b>	<b>\$ 5,544</b>	<b>\$ 1,229</b>	<b>\$ 1,408</b>	<b>\$ 2,094</b>	<b>\$ 2,863</b>
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding	618,034	582,040	135,676	209,838	345,626	312,347
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.60%	1.66%	1.18%	1.25%	1.40%	1.71%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>5</sup>	1.60%	1.66%	1.18%	1.25%	1.40%	1.71%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%	0.05%	0.05%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>	0.00%	78.25%	44.47%	54.84%	11.84%	13.97%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	<b>\$ 9.56</b>	<b>\$ 9.52</b>	<b>\$ 9.06</b>	<b>\$ 6.71</b>	<b>\$ 6.06</b>	<b>\$ 9.17</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of redeemable units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of redeemable units outstanding over the financial period.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund or paid in cash upon request.

<sup>(4)</sup> This information is provided as at the period shown and is rounded to the nearest thousand.

<sup>(5)</sup> Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value during the period. The Manager may, at its discretion, waive or absorb certain operating expenses. MER includes the waiver or absorption by the Manager of certain operating expenses, while the MER before absorption shows the MER prior to operating expenses being waived or absorbed by the Manager.

<sup>(6)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value during the period.

<sup>(7)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser 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 financial period. 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.

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## Management Fees

The Manager manages the Fund. The Manager is entitled to an investment management fee calculated daily as a percentage of the market value of the net assets equal to 1.15% per annum for Series A units and 1.0% per annum for Series F units, payable monthly. The Manager pays 15 basis points per year trailer fees to dealers out of management fees for Series A units. There is no trailer fee paid out for Series F units.

## Past Performance

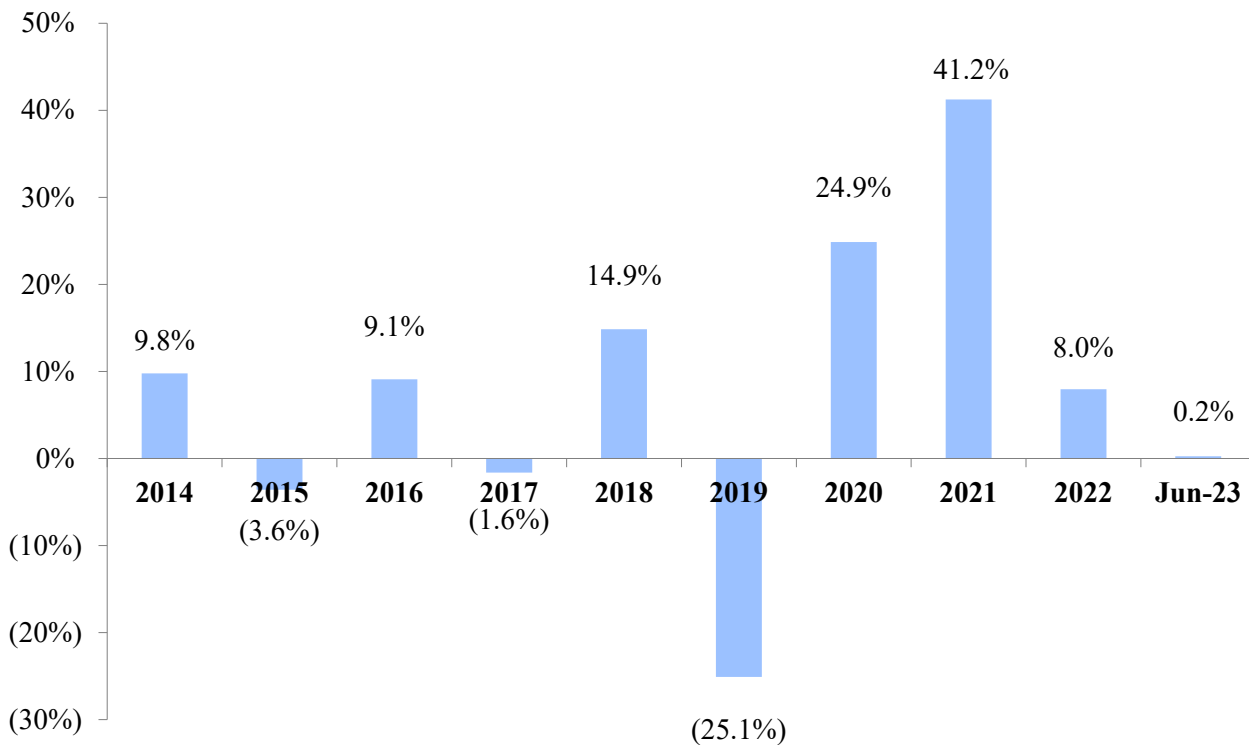
### General

The following charts and tables show the Fund's past performance. Rates of return are historical total returns that include changes in unit prices and assume the reinvestment of all distributions. These returns do not take into account any sales charges, redemption fees, other optional expenses or income taxes that the Fund's investors have to pay and which could reduce these returns. The Fund's past performance does not necessarily indicate its future performance.

### Year-by-Year Returns

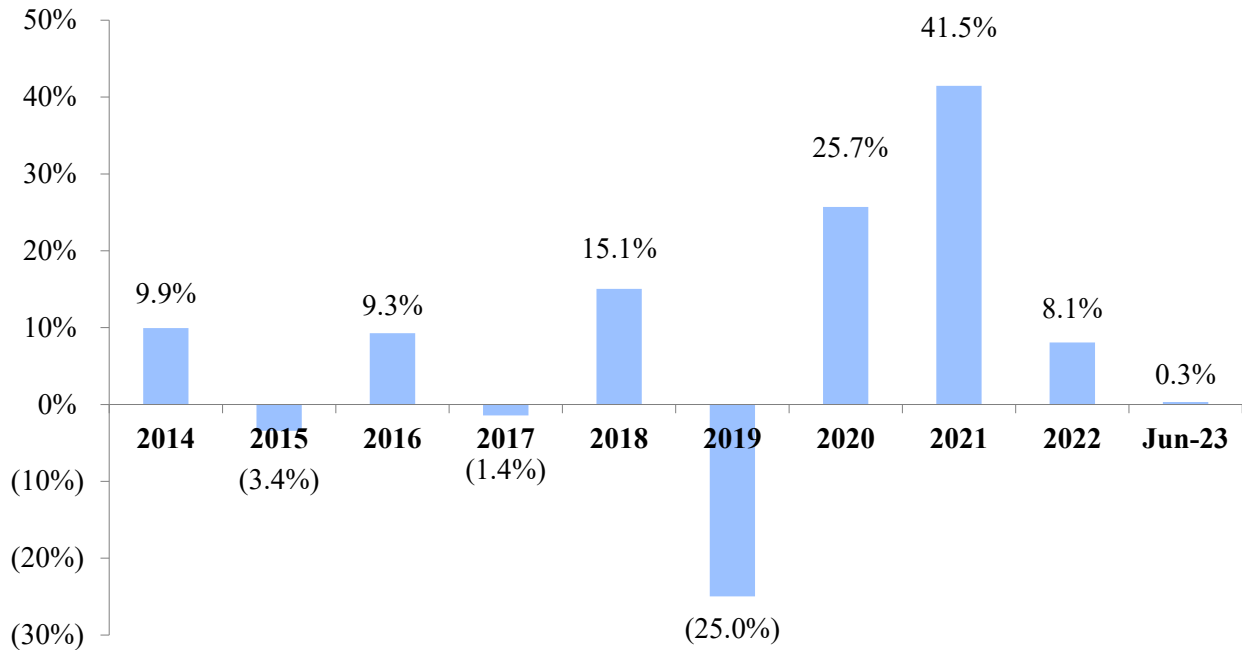
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each of the Series A and Series F units of the Fund for each of the years shown. Each chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 for each of the years, and how the performance of the Fund varied from year to year. The return for 2023 is for the six-month period from January 1 to June 30.

### Series A



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## Series F



## Annual Compound Returns

The following tables<sup>(1)</sup> show the annual compound total return for each of the Series A and Series F units of the Fund. The tables outline the Fund's past performance for the one-, three-, five-, ten-, and fifteen-year periods ended on June 30, 2023. Also shown for the same periods are the respective historical annual compound total returns of the Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index (the "Index"). The Index is a broad-based benchmark that measures the non-investment grade, fixed-rate, corporate bond market. It includes \$U.S.-denominated securities publicly issued by U.S. and non-U.S. industrial, utility and financial issuers that meet specified maturity, liquidity, and quality requirements. The Index is calculated without the deduction of management fees and fund expenses, whereas the performance of the Fund is calculated after deducting such fees and expenses.

### Series A

June 30, 2023	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Past 15 Years
Chou Bond Fund	3.77%	17.14%	10.95%	6.99%	6.20%
Barclays U.S. Corp. High Yield Index (\$CAN)	11.88%	2.15%	3.47%	6.82%	8.45%

### Series F

June 30, 2023	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Past 15 Years
Chou Bond Fund	3.89%	17.33%	11.24%	7.22%	6.39%
Barclays U.S. Corp. High Yield Index (\$CAN)	11.88%	2.15%	3.47%	6.82%	8.45%

<sup>(1)</sup> Tables assume the reinvestment of all distributions.



## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following tables provide a summary of the Fund's portfolio as at June 30, 2023.

<b><u>Geographic Distribution</u></b>	<b><u>% of Fund's Net Assets</u></b>
United States	78.3%
Luxembourg	8.1%
Canada	5.5%
Net Cash Equivalents	8.1%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b><u>Total Issuers</u></b> <i>(excluding cash equivalents)</i>	<b><u>% of Fund's Net Assets</u></b>
<b>Equities</b>	
B Riley Financial Inc, Preferred	8.7%
EXCO Resources Inc.	4.8%
<b>Total Equities - Long</b>	<b>13.5%</b>

<b>Fixed Income</b>	
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, 5.125%, August 22, 2025, Callable	35.7%
World Acceptance Corporation, 7.000%, November 1, 2026	10.5%
MBIA Global Funding LLC, Zero Coupon, December 15, 2031	9.6%
Lumen Technologies Inc., 4.000%, February 15, 2027, Callable	9.0%
Avation Capital SA, 8.250%, October 31, 2026, Callable	8.1%
Bausch Health Companies Inc., 11.000%, September 30, 2028	2.8%
1375209 BC Limited, 9.000%, January 30, 2028, Callable	2.2%
Bausch Health Companies Inc., 14.000%, October 15, 2030, Callable	0.5%
Fortress Global Enterprises Inc., 9.750%, December 31, 2023, Convertible	
Bonds, Callable	0.0%
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>78.4%</b>
<b>Total Holdings</b>	<b>91.9%</b>

The summary of the Fund's investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. The next quarterly update as at September 30, 2023 will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure and will be posted on our website [www.choufunds.com](http://www.choufunds.com) on or before October 31, 2023.

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