

**MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND  
PERFORMANCE**

**December 31 2025**

**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 year ended December 31, 2025, there were no material changes that affected the Fund's overall level of risk.

### Market Review

In 2025, the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield index delivered a positive return of 8.62% in US dollars. Default rates remained below historical averages, and the high yield index's credit quality improved, with a larger proportion of BB-rated issues and fewer of the lowest-rated bonds. U.S. high-yield bond issuance increased from US\$302 billion in 2024 to US\$353 billion.

During the year, the U.S. Federal Open Market Committee held eight scheduled meetings. Between September and December 2025, the Committee cut the benchmark federal funds rate to a range of 3.50% to 3.75%.

### Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Fund increased by 5.0% for Series A units and 5.1% for Series F units after fees and expenses, while Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index increased 3.5% in Canadian dollars. In U.S. dollars, the Fund increased 9.9% for Series A units and 10.1% for Series F units, while Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index increased 8.6%.

The top contributors during 2025 were the fixed income holdings of MBIA Global Funding LLC, Zero Coupon, due December 15, 2031 and Bausch Health Companies, 14.000%, October 15, 2030. The only underperformer in the year was the equity holding of EXCO Resources Inc.

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

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## **Portfolio Update**

During the year, the Fund initiated investments in the debt holdings of The Hertz Corporation, 12.625% due July 15, 2029 and Allegiant Travel Company, 7.250% due August 15, 2027. The Fund also initiated investments in the preferred shares of Enbridge Inc. Series 3 and Atlanticus Holdings Corporation, 6.1250% due November 30, 2026.

In 2025, the Fund sold the preferred shares of B Riley Financial Inc., 5.250%, due August 31, 2028 and the debt holdings of 1375209 BC Limited., 9.000% due January 30, 2028 and Bausch Health Companies Inc., 11.000% due September 30, 2028.

Additionally, the Fund reduced the equity holding of EXCO Resources Inc.

The debt holdings of Avation Capital SA, 8.25% due October 31, 2026 and World Acceptance Corporation, 7.000%, due November 1, 2026 were called for early redemption.

The Fund had no covered call options in its portfolio as at December 31, 2025.

In 2025, the Fund received \$1,650 in income from its securities lending program.

The Fund did not enter into any foreign currency contracts in 2025.

The Fund's net redemptions in 2025 were approximately \$202,850 for Series A units and the Fund's net subscriptions were approximately \$1,894,368 for Series F units. Included in net redemptions/net subscriptions are subscriptions, redemptions and transfers in/out. Out of the net subscriptions for Series F units, \$34,237 was switched from Series A units following the OEO trailer ban. The Fund's average month-end cash and cash equivalent position for the year was 59.5% of the Fund's net assets.

## **Recent Developments**

With inflation easing, the Federal Reserve has kept interest rates unchanged, but markets remain sensitive to renewed tariff risks and ongoing trade tensions across Europe and North America. Geopolitical developments and changes in how capital is being allocated to AI are adding to uncertainty. Meanwhile, signals from global policy discussions suggest slower growth and shifting alliances ahead. Together, these factors could have a near-term impact on the Fund's portfolio performance.

## **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, including its cash and portfolio securities, on behalf of the Fund's investors.

The Manager, along with its officers and directors invest in units of the Fund from time to time in the normal course of business. As of December 31, 2025, they 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 year ended December 31, 2025, 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 year ended December 31, 2025, 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>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$ 9.83</b>	<b>\$ 8.66</b>	<b>\$ 9.33</b>	<b>\$ 8.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>	<b>\$ 5.91</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.56	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.47	\$ 0.41
Total expenses	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.10)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.20	\$ (0.09)	\$ 0.03	\$ (2.35)	\$ (1.29)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.21)	\$ 0.87	\$ (0.57)	\$ 0.38	\$ 4.69	\$ 2.47
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.49</b>	<b>\$ 1.56</b>	<b>\$ (0.17)</b>	<b>\$ 0.61</b>	<b>\$ 2.70</b>	<b>\$ 1.49</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.85
From dividends	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.39</b>	<b>\$ 0.40</b>	<b>\$ 0.50</b>	<b>\$ 0.17</b>	<b>\$ 0.43</b>	<b>\$ 0.85</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 9.93</b>	<b>\$ 9.83</b>	<b>\$ 8.66</b>	<b>\$ 9.33</b>	<b>\$ 8.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of year (USD)</b>	<b>\$ 7.23</b>	<b>\$ 6.84</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>	<b>\$ 6.89</b>	<b>\$ 6.95</b>	<b>\$ 5.13</b>

#### Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series A Units

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$ 5,019</b>	<b>\$ 4,989</b>	<b>\$ 4,897</b>	<b>\$ 5,648</b>	<b>\$ 9,235</b>	<b>\$ 7,224</b>
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding	505,723	507,644	565,643	605,477	1,050,115	1,105,932
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.62%	1.78%	1.76%	1.78%	1.37%	1.42%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>5</sup>	1.62%	1.78%	1.76%	1.78%	1.37%	1.42%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>	123.50%	0.00%	0.00%	78.25%	44.47%	54.84%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	<b>\$ 9.93</b>	<b>\$ 9.83</b>	<b>\$ 8.66</b>	<b>\$ 9.33</b>	<b>\$ 8.79</b>	<b>\$ 6.53</b>

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

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	\$ 10.01	\$ 8.84	\$ 9.52	\$ 9.06	\$ 6.71	\$ 6.06
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.45
Total expenses	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.28	\$ (0.09)	\$ (0.16)	\$ (2.52)	\$ (0.91)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$ (0.23)	\$ 0.92	\$ (0.58)	\$ 0.77	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.22
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	\$ 0.51	\$ 1.70	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.86	\$ 2.87	\$ 1.67
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.91
From dividends	\$ 0.01	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From capital gains	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Return of capital	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.91
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	\$ 10.09	\$ 10.01	\$ 8.84	\$ 9.52	\$ 9.06	\$ 6.71
<b>Net Assets, end of year (USD)</b>	\$ 7.35	\$ 6.96	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.03	\$ 7.16	\$ 5.27

## Ratios and Supplemental Data - Series F Units

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000s)<sup>4</sup></b>	\$ 12,692	\$ 10,210	\$ 5,984	\$ 5,544	\$ 1,229	\$ 1,408
Number of Redeemable Units Outstanding	1,258,238	1,020,102	640,839	582,040	135,676	209,838
Management Expense Ratio <sup>5</sup>	1.46%	1.60%	1.59%	1.66%	1.18%	1.25%
Management Expense Ratio before waivers or absorption <sup>5</sup>	1.46%	1.60%	1.59%	1.66%	1.18%	1.25%
Trading Expense Ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%	0.00%
Portfolio Turnover Rate <sup>7</sup>	123.50%	0.00%	0.00%	78.25%	44.47%	54.84%
<b>Net Asset Value per Unit</b>	\$ 10.09	\$ 10.01	\$ 8.84	\$ 9.52	\$ 9.06	\$ 6.71

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

(2) 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 year.

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

(4) This information is provided as at the year end shown and is rounded to the nearest thousand.

(5) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of weekly average net asset value during the year. 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.

(6) 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 year.

(7) 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 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.

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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 trailer fees of 15 basis points per year to dealers out of management fees for Series A units. There is no trailer fee paid out for Series F units.

## Past Performance

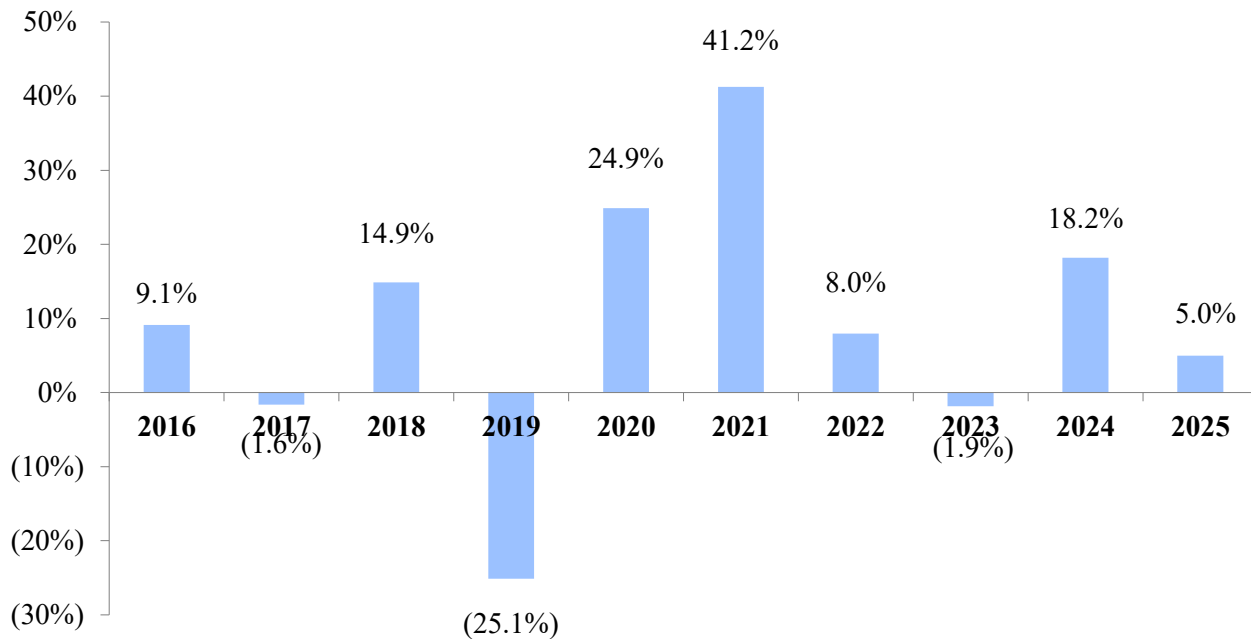
### General

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

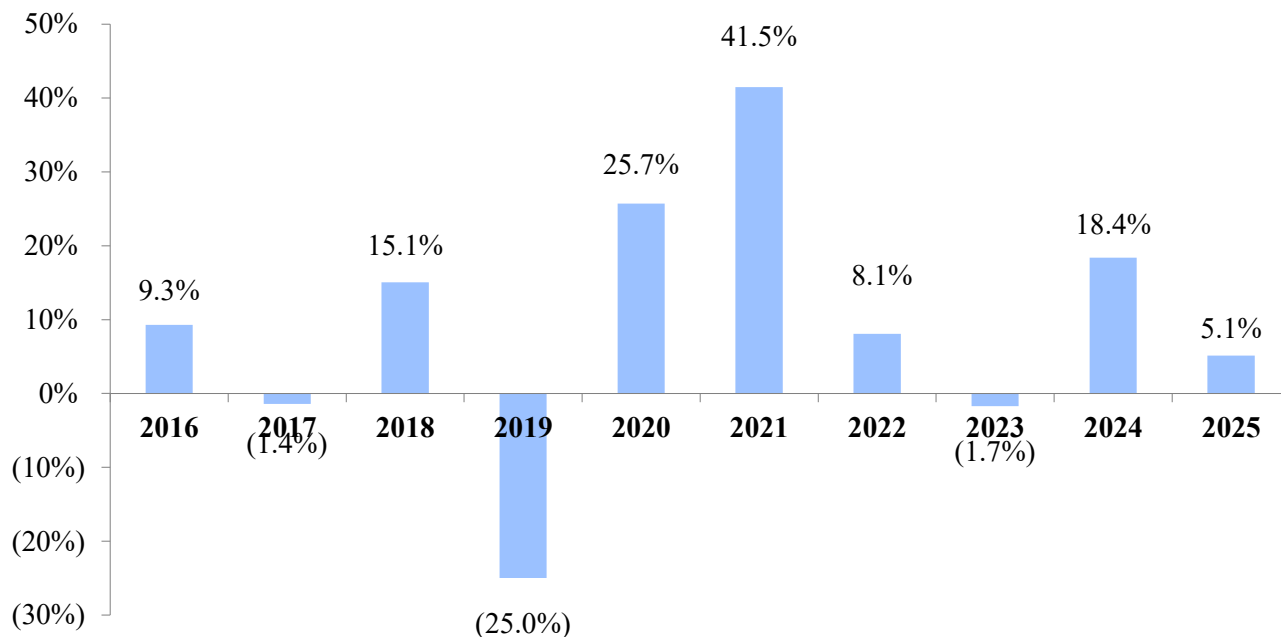
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each of the Series A and Series F units of the Fund for each of the years shown. Each chart shows, in percentage terms, how an investment on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 for each of the years, and how the performance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

#### 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 December 31, 2025. 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

December 31, 2025	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Past 15 Years
Chou Bond Fund	4.96%	6.78%	13.17%	7.91%	6.53%
Barclays U.S. Corp. High Yield Index (\$CAN)	3.53%	10.47%	6.04%	6.38%	8.32%

### Series F

December 31, 2025	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Past 15 Years
Chou Bond Fund	5.13%	6.95%	13.34%	8.14%	6.74%
Barclays U.S. Corp. High Yield Index (\$CAN)	3.53%	10.47%	6.04%	6.38%	8.32%

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

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### Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following tables provide a summary of the Fund's portfolio as at December 31, 2025.

<b><u>Geographic Distribution</u></b>	<b><u>% of Fund's Net Assets</u></b>
United States	32.0%
Canada	2.5%
Net Cash Equivalents	65.5%
<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>	
Atlanticus Holdings Corporation, Preferred	7.7%
EXCO Resources Inc.**	2.7%
Enbridge Inc., Preferred	2.0%
<b>Total Equities - Long</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>Fixed Income</b>	
The Hertz Corporation, 12.625%, July 15, 2029, Callable	7.8%
MBIA Global Funding LLC, Zero Coupon, December 15, 2031	7.7%
Allegiant Travel Company, 7.250%, August 15, 2027, Callable	6.1%
Bausch Health Companies Inc., 14.000%, October 15, 2030, Callable	0.5%
Fortress Global Enterprises Inc., 9.750%, December 31, 2026, Convertible	
Bonds, Callable	0.0%
<b>Total Fixed Income</b>	<b>22.1%</b>
<b>Total Holdings</b>	<b>34.5%</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 March 31, 2026 will be in the Quarterly Portfolio Disclosure and will be posted on our website [www.choufunds.com](http://www.choufunds.com) on or before May 31, 2026.

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