

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

GUARDIAN ULTRA-SHORT U.S. T-BILL FUND

DECEMBER 31, 2025

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The investment objective of Guardian Ultra-Short U.S. T-Bill Fund (the "Fund") is to provide interest income to Unitholders primarily through exposure to U.S. Treasury Bills with remaining maturities of three months or less.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will primarily invest in U.S. Treasury Bills that are denominated in U.S. dollars with remaining maturities of three months or less, but may also hold U.S. Treasury Bills with remaining maturities of up to six months, at the discretion of the Manager. The Manager will screen underlying holdings to ensure sufficient liquidity and to mitigate transaction costs, and will not use derivatives or sell securities short.

The Fund's assets and liabilities, as well as its net asset value (NAV) and distributions, are all calculated in U.S. dollars (USD) and its Units are offered for purchase in U.S. dollars.

Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the prospectus. The Fund may be suitable for investors looking for exposure to Canadian short-term treasury bills with remaining maturities of three months or less, with a low tolerance for risk, particularly those who seek regular monthly distributions, and who have a short term investment horizon.

Results of Operations

This commentary is based on the performance of Series A units of the Fund in USD. Returns for other Series of units may vary, largely due to differences in fees and expenses. Please refer to the Past Performance section for specific Series level performance details. Please note that all figures provided in this report are in U.S. Dollars, unless otherwise noted.

The Fund's net asset value increased by 11% to \$69.9 million at December 31, 2025 from \$62.8 million at December 31, 2024. Of this change, an increase of \$3.1 million was provided by investment performance, net of fees and expenses, and an increase of \$4.1 million was attributable to net subscriptions.

Series A units of the Fund posted a return of 3.8% for the year. The Fund's benchmark, the ICE US 1-Month Treasury Bill Index (USD) returned 4.3% for the same period. The Series A return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, unlike the benchmark's return.

Canadian bond markets posted positive total returns in 2025, supported by expansionary monetary policy, moderating economic growth, and cooperative inflation. This backdrop resulted in a twist steepening of the yield curve, with short-term rates declining sharply, mid-term rates rising slightly, and long-term rates increasing by a greater extent. The Bank of Canada lowered its policy rate by 100 basis points to 2.25% during the year, amid heightened tariff-related uncertainty, cooling inflation, and growing concerns about labour market conditions. Similarly in the U.S., the Federal Reserve lowered the Fed Funds rate by 75 basis points to 3.75% due to increasing downside risks to employment

Domestically, fixed income markets delivered positive performance, with the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index returning +2.64%. Mid-term bonds (FTSE Canada Mid Term Overall Bond Index; +4.03%) outperformed both short-term bonds (FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index; +3.88%) and long-term bonds (FTSE Canada Long Term Overall Bond Index; -0.75%) over the twelve-month period. Corporate bonds (FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index; +4.48%) also outperformed government bonds (FTSE Canada All Government Bond Index; +2.05%), supported by narrowing credit spreads on Canadian investment-grade bonds throughout the year.

Throughout 2025, the Fund's portfolio maintained full exposure in U.S. Treasury Bills and maintained its duration position the same relative to the benchmark.

The Manager integrates ESG considerations into its investment analysis and stewardship activities with the objective of enhancing long-term investment performance. ESG considerations are evaluated for material financial impact on a company's sustainability and business operations, but which may have a limited role in investment decisions for the Fund. The consideration of ESG issues is only one of a number of elements in the portfolio construction process and may or may not have a material influence on portfolio composition at any given time. Active engagement and proxy voting are a core part of the Manager's stewardship approach, and the Manager participates in these activities in a manner suitable to the asset class and Fund. Certain securities, such as derivatives, cash, money market instruments, bonds, asset-backed securities, commercial paper or other similar instruments, may not be subject to ESG considerations due to the nature of such instruments.

The Fund's ESG characteristics and performance may change from time to time. Please review the Fund's prospectus for more details on how the Fund's investment strategy incorporates responsible investing considerations and the associated risks. For more information, the Manager posts its annual proxy voting reports, along with an annual Responsible Investing Report and its Responsible Investing Policies on its website:

<https://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions/>

Recent Developments

Market expectations suggest the Bank of Canada is unlikely to implement additional rate cuts in 2026. While slower labour force growth constrains potential economic expansion, cooling inflation and stable employment support a neutral monetary policy stance.

Last year saw a surge in global policy uncertainty as a result of the new administration in the U.S. and their approach to international policy, which clouded the outlook and led to a significant downgrade of expectations for growth. While the "worst case scenario" for the global economy has, so far, not ended up materializing - thanks to a flurry of trade deals, truces and adjustments, and underlying global

growth momentum that has proven strong enough to withstand the related headwinds - the risk of a flare up of geopolitical tensions remains elevated and poses a threat to the outlook for growth, inflation and interest rates, which would carry significant implications for investment decisions and financial markets.

Guardian Capital Group Limited ("Guardian"), the parent company of Guardian Capital LP (the "Manager"), the trustee and manager of the Guardian Capital Funds, announced on March 23, 2026, the completion of the previously announced acquisition of Guardian by Desjardins Global Asset Management Inc. ("Desjardins"), an affiliate of Desjardins Group (the "Transaction"). The Transaction was completed by way of a statutory plan of arrangement under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario), pursuant to which Desjardins purchased all of the issued and outstanding Common Shares and Class A Shares of Guardian. The completion of the Transaction resulted in an indirect acquisition of the Manager, and thus, an indirect change of control of the Manager.

The Manager does not anticipate that the Transaction will result in any material change to the business, operations, or affairs, or to the management of, the Guardian Capital Funds. No immediate material changes to the Guardian Capital Funds' investment objectives, strategies, fees, or to the Manager's role as investment fund manager, are expected. If material changes to the Guardian Capital Funds are proposed in the future, you will be notified in advance and, if required by Canadian securities legislation or the relevant constating documents, such changes will be made only with the approval of the unitholders of the Guardian Capital Funds to which the changes apply.

Related Party Transactions

Guardian Capital LP, the Manager of the Fund, is considered to be a "related party" of the Fund. The Manager is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Fund and also acts as the portfolio manager, managing the investment portfolio of the Fund. These services are in the normal course of operations and the Fund pays a management fee to the Manager for these services, based on the average Net Asset Value of the

Fund, as detailed in the Management Fees section below. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Guardian Capital Group Limited, a publicly traded firm listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

The Manager also receives an Administration Fee from the Fund, amounting to 0.02% of the average daily net asset value of the Fund, in return for the payment by the Manager of all the variable operating expenses of the Fund. The Independent Review Committee (“IRC”) has approved the Manager’s Policy for this item and the Manager relies on this approval as a standing instruction from the IRC. The Manager received the Administration Fee and paid Fund expenses in accordance with this Policy during the period.

Management Fees

No management fees are payable or collected for Series I units of the Fund. Series A, Series F and the ETF Units are subject to management fees which are based on a percentage of the average Series NAV during each month, calculated and accrued daily, and payable monthly. The Series A management fee is 0.37% per annum. The Series F and ETF Units management fee is 0.12% per annum. The table below provides a breakdown of services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees, for the period.

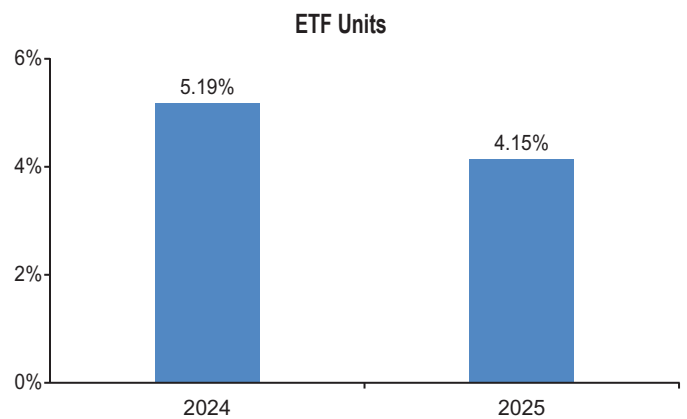
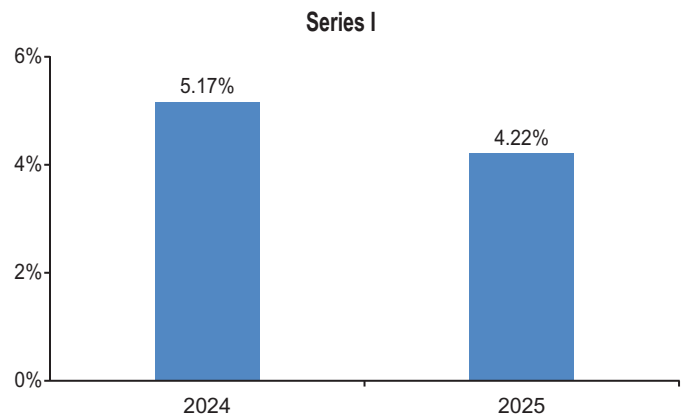
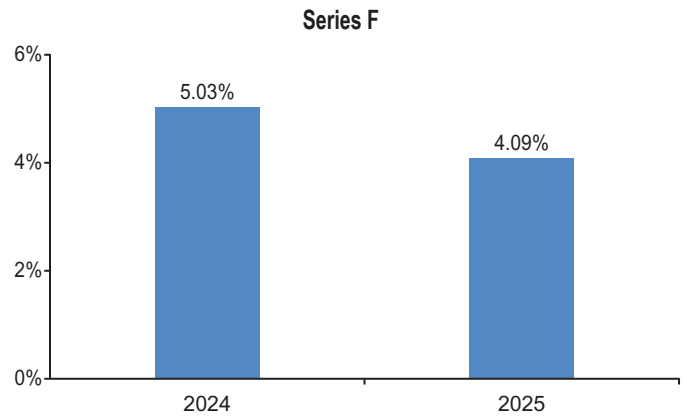
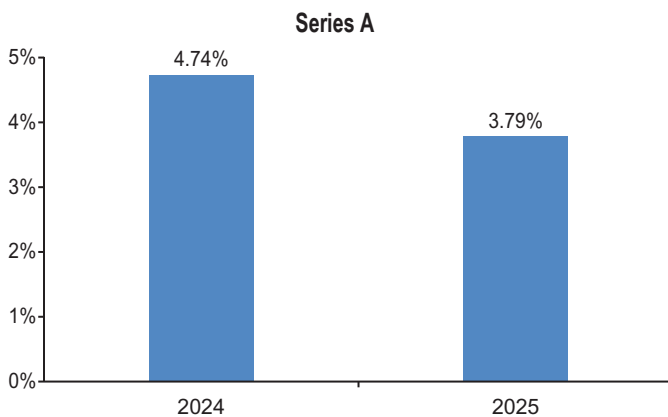
	Series A	Series F	Series I	ETF Units
Investment management and other general administration	32.4%	100.0%	n/a	100.0%
Trailer Commission	67.6%	n/a	n/a	n/a

Past Performance

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. This performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance of the Fund does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

Year-by-Year Returns

The bar charts show the Fund's performance for the annual period from January 1 to December 31 for each calendar year shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of that financial year.



Annual Compound Returns

The tables below shows the historical compound returns of the Fund's Units for the periods indicated, as at December 31, 2025. The returns of a broad based market index are also shown.

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
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Series A (%)	3.79	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.41
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ICE US 1-Month Treasury Bill Index (Net US\$) (%)	4.26	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.87
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* Inception date - July 8, 2023.

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
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Series F (%)	4.09	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.71
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ICE US 1-Month Treasury Bill Index (Net US\$) (%)	4.26	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.87
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* Inception date - July 8, 2023.

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
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Series I (%)	4.22	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.87
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ICE US 1-Month Treasury Bill Index (Net US\$) (%)	4.26	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.88
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* Inception date - July 14, 2023.

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
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ETF Units (%)	4.15	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.80
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ICE US 1-Month Treasury Bill Index (Net US\$) (%)	4.26	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.88
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* Inception date - July 12, 2023.

ICE US 1-Month Treasury Bill Index is designed to track single issue 1-month Treasury Bills purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month, in U.S. dollar terms.

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 information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (Series A)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Net Assets per Unit, Beginning of Period ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations per Unit:^[1]			
Total revenue	0.42	0.50	0.27
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.04)	(0.02)
Total increase (decrease) from operations per Unit	0.38	0.46	0.25
Distributions per Unit from: ^{[1] [2]}			
Income (excluding dividends)	(0.38)	(0.48)	(0.24)
Capital gains	-	-	(0.03)
Return of capital	-	-	-
Total Distributions per Unit	(0.38)	(0.48)	(0.27)
Net Assets per Unit, End of Period ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

[1] Net assets per Unit and distributions per Unit are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations per Unit is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.

[2] Substantially all distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

Ratios and Supplemental Data (Series A)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Total net asset value (000's) ^[1]	\$2,170	\$1,552	\$163
Number of units outstanding ^[1]	217,022	155,182	16,280
Management expense ratio ^[2]	0.44%	0.44%	0.43%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions	0.44%	0.44%	0.43%
Trading expense ratio ^[3]	-	-	-
Net asset value per Unit ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

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[2] The management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions, other portfolio transaction costs and withholding taxes) of the Fund and its proportionate share of the total expenses of the Underlying Funds, where applicable, for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (Series F)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Net Assets per Unit, Beginning of Period ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations per Unit:^[1]			
Total revenue	0.43	0.52	0.27
Total expenses	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.01)
Total increase (decrease) from operations per Unit	0.41	0.50	0.26
Distributions per Unit from: ^{[1][2]}			
Income (excluding dividends)	(0.41)	(0.50)	(0.25)
Capital gains	–	–	(0.03)
Return of capital	–	–	–
Total Distributions per Unit	(0.41)	(0.50)	(0.28)
Net Assets per Unit, End of Period ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

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Ratios and Supplemental Data (Series F)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Total net asset value (000's) ^[1]	\$602	\$909	\$1,394
Number of units outstanding ^[1]	60,185	90,908	139,385
Management expense ratio ^[2]	0.15%	0.16%	0.16%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions	0.15%	0.16%	0.16%
Trading expense ratio ^[3]	–	–	–
Net asset value per Unit ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (Series I)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Net Assets per Unit, Beginning of Period ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations per Unit:^[1]			
Total revenue	0.42	0.52	0.27
Total increase (decrease) from operations per Unit	0.42	0.52	0.27
Distributions per Unit from: ^{[1][2]}			
Income (excluding dividends)	(0.42)	(0.52)	(0.24)
Capital gains	–	–	(0.10)
Return of capital	–	–	(0.01)
Total Distributions per Unit	(0.42)	(0.52)	(0.35)
Net Assets per Unit, End of Period ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

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Ratios and Supplemental Data (Series I)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Total net asset value (000's) ^[1]	\$39,136	\$25,330	\$30,421
Number of units outstanding ^[1]	3,913,627	2,532,973	3,042,106
Management expense ratio ^[2]	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions	0.02%	0.02%	0.02%
Trading expense ratio ^[3]	–	–	–
Net asset value per Unit ^[1]	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

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The Fund's Net Assets per Unit (ETF Units)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Net Assets per Unit, Beginning of Period ^[1]	\$50.07	\$50.07	\$50.00
Increase (decrease) from operations per Unit:^[1]			
Total revenue	2.12	2.61	1.28
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.04)
Total increase (decrease) from operations per Unit	2.04	2.53	1.24
Distributions per Unit from: ^{[1][2]}			
Income (excluding dividends)	(2.01)	(2.57)	(1.01)
Capital gains	–	–	(0.42)
Return of capital	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.13)
Total Distributions per Unit	(2.03)	(2.59)	(1.56)
Net Assets per Unit, End of Period ^[1]	\$50.01	\$50.01	\$50.07

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Ratios and Supplemental Data (ETF Units)(US\$)

	For the year ended December 31, 2025	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period from commencement of operations, June 29, 2023, to December 31, 2023
Total net asset value (000's) ^[1]	\$28,006	\$35,005	\$38,053
Number of units outstanding ^[1]	560,000	700,000	760,000
Management expense ratio ^[2]	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%
Management expense ratio before waivers and absorptions	0.16%	0.16%	0.16%
Trading expense ratio ^[3]	–	–	–
Net asset value per Unit ^[1]	\$50.01	\$50.01	\$50.07
Closing market price	\$50.02	\$50.02	\$50.06

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SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

As at December 31, 2025

Portfolio Allocation	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Holdings	% of Net Asset Value
U.S. Short-Term Investments		United States, Treasury Bills	99.5%
- Treasury Bills	99.5%		
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.5%	Top 25 Holdings (as a percentage of NAV)	99.5%
Total	100.0%	Total Net Asset Value:	\$69,914,511

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. A quarterly update is available. If the Fund has invested in other investment funds, the prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds are available on the internet via www.sedarplus.ca.



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