

# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance (MRFP)

For the period ended June 30, 2024

Tangerine<sup>®</sup> Balanced SRI Portfolio

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## **Tangerine Balanced SRI Portfolio**

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## Manager

1832 Asset Management L.P. (the "Manager")

## **Portfolio Advisor**

1832 Asset Management L.P. (the "Portfolio Advisor")

## **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Tangerine Balanced SRI Portfolio (the "Fund") seeks to provide a balance of income and capital appreciation by investing in a diversified mix of equity and fixed income ETFs which invest in securities filtered based on socially responsible investing criteria located anywhere in the world.



The Portfolio Advisor intends to primarily invest in SRI ETFs that are generally capitalization-weighted and which represent four distinct asset/regional allocations, including but not limited to: Canadian fixed income, Canadian equity, U.S. equity and international equity. Regional allocations to equities will be driven primarily by relative market size, meaning larger regions/countries will receive proportionally higher allocation than smaller regions/countries.

## Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund are as described in the Simplified Prospectus. There were no material changes to the Fund over the year that affected the overall level of risk of the Fund.

## **Results of Operations**

The Fund had net assets of \$19 million at June 30, 2024 and \$12 million at December 31, 2023. The Fund's net assets increased by \$7 million over the six month period ended on June 30, 2024. The change was composed of net sales of \$6 million and investment performance of \$1 million.

### **Investment Results**

For the period ended at June 30, 2024 (the "period"), the Tangerine Balanced SRI Portfolio (the "Fund") generated a total return of 10.3%. It out-performed the benchmark. The Fund's blended index, 60%- Solactive GBS Global Markets Large & Mid Cap Index (CA NTR) and 40%-Solactive Broad Canadian Bond Universe Liquid ex MPL TR Index, returned 8.9% during the same period.

Consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, it will invest in securities filtered based on socially responsible investing criteria located anywhere in the world. For more information on the socially responsible investing criteria, please refer to the Fund's most recent Simplified Prospectus. The Fund has adhered to the socially responsible investing criteria in the Fund's investment objectives.

Given the mandate's exclusionary approach, its exclusion of fossil fuel companies and minimal exposure to the Energy sector played a role in the outperformance.

Global equities advanced over the period as represented by the Solactive GBS Global Markets Large & Mid Cap Index (CA NTR) returning 15.5%. Developed markets continue to show strength with most markets finishing the period near all-time highs.

Canadian equities ended the period in positive territory as we witnessed the Bank of Canada (BoC) become the first Group of Seven central bank to offer rate relief with a 25 basis point interest rate cut that brought interest rates down from 5.00% to 4.75%.

U.S. equities generated positive double-digit returns for the period while surprisingly the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) kept interest rates at bay (no change). The Federal Funds rate remained steady between 5.25% to 5.5%.

The Fed has taken a wait and see approach on reducing interest rates. The Fed is especially wary of cutting too soon after seeing an unexpected rise in inflation earlier this year from 3.1% in January to 3.5% in March. The Fed is trying to balance the risk of cutting rates too soon and allowing inflation to persist.

Japanese equity markets also rose over the first half of 2024, despite the Japanese economy experiencing negative GDP growth, aided by a weak yen, improving growth in Japan's export markets, and a steepening yield curve, which have all represented tailwinds for Japanese equities.

Despite the United Kingdom entering a technical recession, after back-to-back negative GDP growth reports, and the European continent more broadly experiencing lower levels of GDP growth, equity markets in Europe delivered a positive return over the period. Eurozone inflation has moderated from a peak rate of 10.6% in October 2022 to 2.5% more recently. Moderating inflation has reduced some of the interest rate risk for European equities.

The Canadian bond market, as represented by the Solactive Broad Canadian Bond Universe Liquid ex MPL TR Index, finished down -0.5% for the period. The 10-year Government of Canada yield trended higher, peaking in April, before drifting lower and ending at 3.5% for the period.



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Within the U.S., the 10-year Treasury yield similarly trended upwards finishing June at 4.4%. While Investment grade and high yield credit spreads, as measured by ICE BofA Canadian and U.S. corporate indices OAS (Option-Adjusted Spread) narrowed during the period, widening briefly at the end of June.

Over the period, the Canadian dollar strengthened against Japanese yen, weakened against the U.S. dollar and British pound, and remained flat against the Euro currency.

## **Recent Developments**

On April 1, 2024, 1832 Asset Management L.P. became the manager of Tangerine Funds, taking over from Tangerine Investment Management Inc.

## **Related-Party Transactions**

Affiliates of 1832 Asset Management L.P. may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with the Fund, including securities lending transactions and other services as described below:

### Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Advisor

1832 Asset Management L.P. is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"). 1832 Asset Management L.P. is the manager and trustee of the Fund. 1832 Asset Management L.P. is responsible for the Fund's day to day operations, and appoints the portfolio advisor and distributors for the Fund.

#### **Management and Administration Fees**

1832 Asset Management L.P. is paid a management fee by the Fund as compensation for its services as well as a fixed administration fee. 1832 Asset Management L.P. in turn pays certain operating expenses of the Fund. Further details about the management fee and the fixed administration fee can be found in the Fund's most recent simplified prospectus.

### **Principal Distributor**

Tangerine Investment Funds Limited (the "principal distributor") is the principal distributor of the Fund and is an affiliate of 1832 Asset Management L.P. The principal distributor receives an ongoing trailer commission from 1832 Asset Management L.P. based on the total value of the units of the Fund held by its clients. Trailer commissions are paid by 1832 Asset Management L.P. out of the management fees it receives from the Fund.

#### **Securities Lending Transactions**

The Fund did not participate in securities lending transactions with a related party during the period.

#### **Buying and Selling Securities**

1832 Asset Management L.P. has established an Independent Review Committee ("IRC") which acts as an impartial and independent committee to review and provide recommendations or, in certain cases, approvals respecting any conflict of interest matters referred to it by the Manager.

The Manager and the Fund relied on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of one or more of the following types of transactions:

- Investing in or holding securities of a related issuer.
- Paying brokerage commissions and spreads to a related party for effecting security transactions on an agency and principal basis on behalf of the Fund.
- Investments in the securities of issuers for which a related underwriter acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of such distribution.
- Acquisition and holding of securities of a related underlying fund.

The applicable standing instructions require that investment decisions relating to the above types of transactions, among other relevant terms and conditions of the Manager's conflict policies and procedures, (i) are made free from any influence by the Manager or any entity related to the Manager and without taking into account any considerations relevant to the Manager or any entity related to the Manager; (ii) represent the business judgment of the portfolio advisor uninfluenced by any consideration other than the best interests of the Fund; and (iii) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

#### **Related Brokerage Commissions**

The Manager is a wholly owned subsidiary of Scotiabank. Scotiabank owns, directly or indirectly, 100% of Scotia Capital Inc., an investment dealer. From time to time, the Fund may enter into portfolio securities transactions with Scotia Capital Inc. or other related dealers in whom Scotiabank has a significant interest (a "Related Broker"). These Related Brokers may earn commission or spreads on such transactions, which are made on terms and conditions that are comparable to transactions made with non-related brokers.

During the period, the Fund paid \$2,122 in commissions to Related Brokers.

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## **Financial Highlights**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help the reader understand the Fund's financial performance over the six months period ended June 30, 2024, the year ended December 31, 2023, and the period ended December 31, 2022. The information on the following tables is based on prescribed regulations and as a result, is not expected to add down due to the increase (decrease) in net assets from operations being based on average units outstanding during the period and all other numbers being based on actual units outstanding at the relevant point in time. Footnotes for the tables are found at the end of the Financial Highlights section.

#### Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup>(\$)

	2024	2023	2022
Net assets – beginning of period	\$10.41	\$9.02	\$10.00
Increase (decrease) from operations:			
Total revenue	0.11	0.13	0.12
Total expenses	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.06)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.11	0.07	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.87	1.26	(0.56)
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	1.05	1.40	(0.54)
Distributions:			
From income (excluding dividends)	—	-	(0.05)
From dividends		-	_
From capital gains	—	-	_
Return of capital	—	-	_
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	—	-	(0.05)
Net assets – end of period	\$11.48	\$10.41	\$9.02
Ratios and Supplemental data			
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>4</sup>	\$18,687	\$12,313	\$7,218
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>4</sup>	1,628	1,182	800
Management expense ratio <sup>5</sup>	0.82%	0.82%	0.82%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>5</sup>	0.97%	0.99%	1.07%
Trading expense ratio <sup>6</sup>	0.03%	0.04%	0.17%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>7</sup>	6.19%	14.39%	9.40%
Net asset value per unit	\$11.48	\$10.41	\$9.02

#### Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's annual audited financial statements, except for 2024, which is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2024. The information for the net asset per unit section of the financial highlights are based on IFRS Accounting Standards ("IFRS"). The Fund commenced on January 6, 2022.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash/reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This information is provided as at June 30, 2024 and December 31 of the years shown.
- (5) Management expense ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses plus harmonized sales tax (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) and the proportionate share of the underlying funds' related expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the year. The manager absorbed certain expenses of the fund, and expects these absorptions to continue in the future to keep the MER within a target range. Such absorptions may be terminated at any time without notice.
- (6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs and the proportionate share of the underlying funds' related expenses expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.
- (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 period. The higher a portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, 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.

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## **Management Fees**

The breakdown of services received 1832 Asset Management L.P. as a percentage of management fees earned is as follows:

Management Fees	Distribution	Other*
0.55%	73%	27%

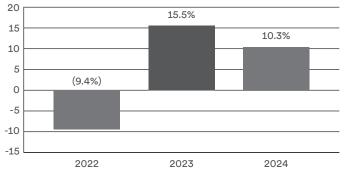
\* Includes investment advisory fees, administration fees

## **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 and would be lower if the distributions were not reinvested. In addition, the performance information does not take into account any income taxes that may have been paid by investors who have invested in non-registered accounts. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund may perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The chart below indicates the Fund's performance in each of the years shown and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart demonstrates, 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 each financial year.



(1) For the six-month period ended June 30, 2024.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

(as at June 30, 2024)

#### Asset Allocation\* (% of Net Asset Value)



\* Actual allocation among the three investment types may deviate from the target allocations. The allocations are reviewed on a quarterly basis and if the Fund allocations deviate from the thresholds outlined in the Simplified Prospectus, the Fund will be re-balanced back to the target weightings.

<b>Top Holdings</b> (as at June 30, 2024)		% of Net Asset Value
1.	Scotia Responsible Investing US Equity Index ETF	41.9%
2.	Scotia Responsible Investing Canadian Bond Index ETF	39.0%
3.	Scotia Responsible Investing International Equity Index ETF	14.6%
4.	Cash and Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	2.9%
5.	Scotia Responsible Investing Canadian Equity Index ETF	1.6%
Tota		100%

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and a quarterly update is available at www.tangerine.ca.

## A Note on Forward-looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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