

# CWB Onyx Balanced Solution Fund

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the period ended December 31, 2025

### Disclosure

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CWB Wealth Management Ltd. (CWB WM) is the manager of the fund, and a wholly owned subsidiary of National Bank of Canada.

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By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, which give rise to the possibility that the Fund’s predictions, forecasts, projections, expectations, and conclusions will not prove to be accurate, and that its assumptions may not be correct.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. A variety of factors, many of which are beyond the Fund’s control, may cause actual results to differ materially from the expectations expressed in the forward-looking statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political, and relevant market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings or decisions and catastrophic events, including natural disasters, pandemics, war and other risks described in the Fund’s current simplified prospectus. The above-mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive.

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# Management Discussion of the Performance of the CWB Onyx Balanced Solution Fund

## Investment Objectives and Strategies

The investment objective of the CWB Onyx Balanced Solution Fund (the “Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital appreciation by investing in a balanced portfolio of equity and fixed income securities.

The Fund invests in units of the CWB Onyx Canadian Equity Fund, the CWB Onyx Global Equity Fund and the CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund (the “CWB Onyx Portfolio Series Funds”). We target an allocation of 60% in affiliated mutual funds that invest primarily in Canadian, U.S. and international equity securities, real estate investment trusts and similar investment vehicles. We target an allocation of 40% in affiliated mutual funds that invest primarily in Canadian, U.S. and international fixed income securities. We will position our equity and fixed income exposures within a +/- 10% range relative to the above target allocation.

## Risks

No changes to the Fund affecting the Fund’s overall level of risk were made during the 12-month period ended December 31, 2025 (the “Period”). The risks of investing in the Fund and the suitability of the Fund for investors remain as discussed in the Fund’s most recent simplified prospectus or any amendments or fund facts.

## Results of Operations

Over the Period, the Fund’s net assets decreased by \$13,682,408 to \$26,693,348. This reflects an increase of \$4,189,936 from investment performance, distributions to unitholders of \$1,292,871, and net withdrawals of \$16,579,473.

Series A units of the Fund returned 11.78% over the Period versus the Fund’s internal benchmark (the “Fund Benchmark”), a combination of FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, S&P/TSX Total Return (“TR”) Composite Index, S&P 500 TR Index \$CAD and the MSCI All Country World Index ex-USA \$CAD, which returned 16.22% over the Period. The Fund’s general market index benchmarks, the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index and the S&P/TSX Composite TR Index (the “Broad-Based Benchmarks”), returned 2.64% and 31.68%, respectively, over the Period. Unlike the Fund Benchmark and the Broad-Based Benchmarks, the Fund’s return is calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses. Returns for individual Series O unitholders of the Fund may vary, largely due to differences in fees and expenses.

President Trump was inaugurated for his second term in January and introduced comprehensive tariffs on multiple countries on April 2, an event termed “Liberation Day.” This announcement triggered a significant, though brief, market correction, as tariffs were delayed in some cases, reduced in others, or even raised. Most of Canada’s trade with the U.S. is covered under the Canada-United States-Mexico Free Trade Agreement (CUSMA) and thus largely exempt from these measures. However, ongoing uncertainty regarding U.S. policy and concerns over potential future tariffs contributed to subdued economic growth in Canada. With inflation near target, the Bank of Canada lowered its key interest rate from 3.25% to 2.25% in 2025 to support economic activity, while the U.S. maintained steady rates.

Equity markets performed strongly in 2025, driven by slowing inflation, reduced interest rates, and robust corporate earnings. International equities surpassed U.S. markets for the first time in several years.

The Fund was positioned to take advantage of this yield curve movement. Duration was a modest positive to returns versus the benchmark. The Fund's holdings in Preferred shares also helped performance, as did an overweight relative to the benchmark in credit.

The Fund maintained an overweight in equities and an underweight in fixed income relative to its benchmark through the period, which helped relative performance.

## Recent Developments

Economic growth in Canada is projected to remain below average in 2026 amid stable interest rates. The scheduled CUSMA review begins on July 1, with the U.S. signaling intentions to request substantial concessions from Canada as a condition for agreement renewal. Failure to renew CUSMA could negatively affect the Canadian economy and contribute to increased inflationary pressures in the United States.

### Acquisition of Canadian Western Bank by National Bank of Canada

On February 3, 2025, National Bank of Canada completed its acquisition of Canadian Western Bank resulting in a change in control of CWB WM. At that time CWB WM became a wholly owned subsidiary of National Bank of Canada.

### Anticipated Fund Termination

After the close of business on or about March 31, 2026, Series A units of the Fund will be terminated. At that time, units will be redeemed at their net asset value and proceeds distributed to unitholders.

The Fund will be terminated effective on or about June 1, 2026. Effective on or about May 22, 2026, Series O units of the Fund will no longer be made available for purchase in anticipation of the termination of the Fund, including any purchases made through a pre-authorized purchase plan. Any investor that does not redeem units of the Fund prior to the termination date will be entitled to receive their proportionate share of the Fund's remaining net assets.

## Related Party Transactions

CWB WM is the trustee and manager of the Fund. The Fund pays CWB WM a management fee as compensation for its services. Refer to the section titled 'Management Fees' for a summary of fees paid to CWB WM. On October 10, 2025, National Bank Financial Inc. ("NBF") became the portfolio advisor of the Fund. NBF is a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Bank of Canada and an affiliate of CWB WM.

The Fund invests in units of the CWB Onyx Portfolio Series Funds. These funds are related and connected issuers of the Fund, as CWB WM serves as trustee and manager for the CWB Onyx Portfolio Series Funds.

The Investment Review Committee (IRC) of the Fund has approved standing instructions permitting investments in the CWB Portfolio Series Funds, and other mutual funds managed by CWB WM or its affiliates (the "Fund of Fund Investing"). The standing instructions require that the Fund of Fund Investing be conducted in accordance with CWB WM policy and that CWB WM will advise the IRC of a material breach of the standing instructions.

CWB WM policy requires that an investment decision in respect of the Fund of Fund Investing (i) is made free from any influence by an entity related to CWB WM and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to CWB WM; (ii) represents the business judgment of the portfolio manager/sub-advisor uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund; (iii) complies with CWB WM policy; and (iv) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fund.

During the Period, CWB WM entered into a participating dealer agreement (the “Dealer Agreement”) with Canadian Western Financial Ltd. (“CWF”), an affiliate of CWB WM. Pursuant to the Dealer Agreement, CWB WM pays CWF a monthly trailing commission equal to 1/12th of 1.00% of the net asset value attributable to units of the Fund held by CWF clients. This trailing commission is paid directly by CWB WM and does not increase the management fee paid to CWB WM by the Fund. Effective November 24, 2025, National Bank Savings and Investments Inc. (“NBSI”) acquired the business of CWF and assumed the Dealer Agreement. NBSI is an affiliate of CWB WM.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund’s performance for the past five years.

### CWB Onyx Balanced Solution Series A Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup>

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net assets, beginning of year	<b>\$14.39</b>	<b>\$12.87</b>	<b>\$11.80</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>	<b>\$12.23</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total dividend and interest revenue	\$0.44	\$0.40	\$0.42	\$0.51	\$0.40
Total expenses	(\$0.29)	(\$0.26)	(\$0.24)	(\$0.24)	(\$0.25)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	\$1.98	\$0.24	\$0.42	\$0.36	\$0.21
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(\$0.44)	\$1.29	\$0.82	(\$1.81)	\$1.01
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$1.69</b>	<b>\$1.67</b>	<b>\$1.42</b>	<b>(\$1.18)</b>	<b>\$1.37</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$0.20	\$0.15	\$0.18	\$0.13	\$0.07
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	\$0.18	\$0.43	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	\$0.03
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>\$0.20</b>	<b>\$0.15</b>	<b>\$0.36</b>	<b>\$0.56</b>	<b>\$0.10</b>
<b>Net assets as at last date of period shown</b>	<b>\$15.87</b>	<b>\$14.39</b>	<b>\$12.87</b>	<b>\$11.80</b>	<b>\$13.50</b>

## CWB Onyx Balanced Solution Series O Net Assets per Unit<sup>1</sup>

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net assets, beginning of year	\$14.60	\$13.09	\$11.99	\$13.76	\$12.48
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total dividend and interest revenue	\$0.41	\$0.55	\$0.35	\$0.61	\$0.45
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the year	\$1.17	\$0.34	\$0.35	\$0.42	\$0.25
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	\$0.19	\$1.09	\$0.79	(\$2.04)	\$0.91
Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>2</sup>	\$1.77	\$1.98	\$1.49	(\$1.01)	\$1.61
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	\$0.40	\$0.44	\$0.45	\$0.40	\$0.35
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	\$1.22	-	\$0.18	\$0.44	\$0.03
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions <sup>3</sup>	\$1.61	\$0.44	\$0.63	\$0.84	\$0.38
Net assets as at last date of period shown	\$15.00	\$14.60	\$13.09	\$11.99	\$13.76

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. All figures presented are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, which require the Fund to measure the fair value of its investments based on close market prices, where the close market price falls between the bid-ask spread, which is consistent with the method used in measuring the net asset value for transactions with unitholders.

<sup>2</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.

<sup>3</sup> Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the Fund or both.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data – Series A

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	\$23,571	\$25,595	\$25,786	\$27,108	\$34,116
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	1,484,881	1,778,472	2,003,703	2,297,600	2,527,127
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.92%	1.84%	1.83%	1.83%	1.82%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.48%	2.16%	2.24%	2.12%	2.07%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	3.53%	10.77%	10.09%	9.22%	9.00%
Net asset value per unit	\$15.87	\$14.39	\$12.87	\$11.80	\$13.50

## Ratios and Supplemental Data – Series O

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	\$3,122	\$14,781	\$1,519	\$1,923	\$1,997
Number of units outstanding <sup>1</sup>	208,170	1,012,722	116,034	160,346	145,193
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	-	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	3.53%	10.77%	10.09%	9.22%	9.00%
Net asset value per unit	\$15.00	\$14.60	\$13.09	\$11.99	\$13.76

<sup>1</sup> This information is provided as of December 31 of the year shown unless otherwise stated.

<sup>2</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 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 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 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.

## Management Fees

The management fee for each applicable series is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of its NAV. The annual management fees and a breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees, as a percentage of the management fees, for each series are as follows:

Fund	Management Fee (% of NAV)	Distribution Costs (% of Management Fee)	Others* (% of Management Fee)
Onyx Balanced Solution Fund – Series A	1.70	50.40	49.60
Onyx Balanced Solution Fund – Series O	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* Includes investment advisory fees, administration fees, and other operating fees

The Fund's management fees were used by CWB WM to pay for the cost of managing the investment portfolio, providing investment analysis and recommendations, making investment decisions, making brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sales of investment portfolio, providing other services, and compensating CWB WM for acting as trustee of the Fund. CWB WM also used the management fee to fund trailing commissions and any other compensation to CWF whose clients invest in the Fund.

The Series O management fee is negotiated and paid directly by each investor and will not exceed the Series A management fee.

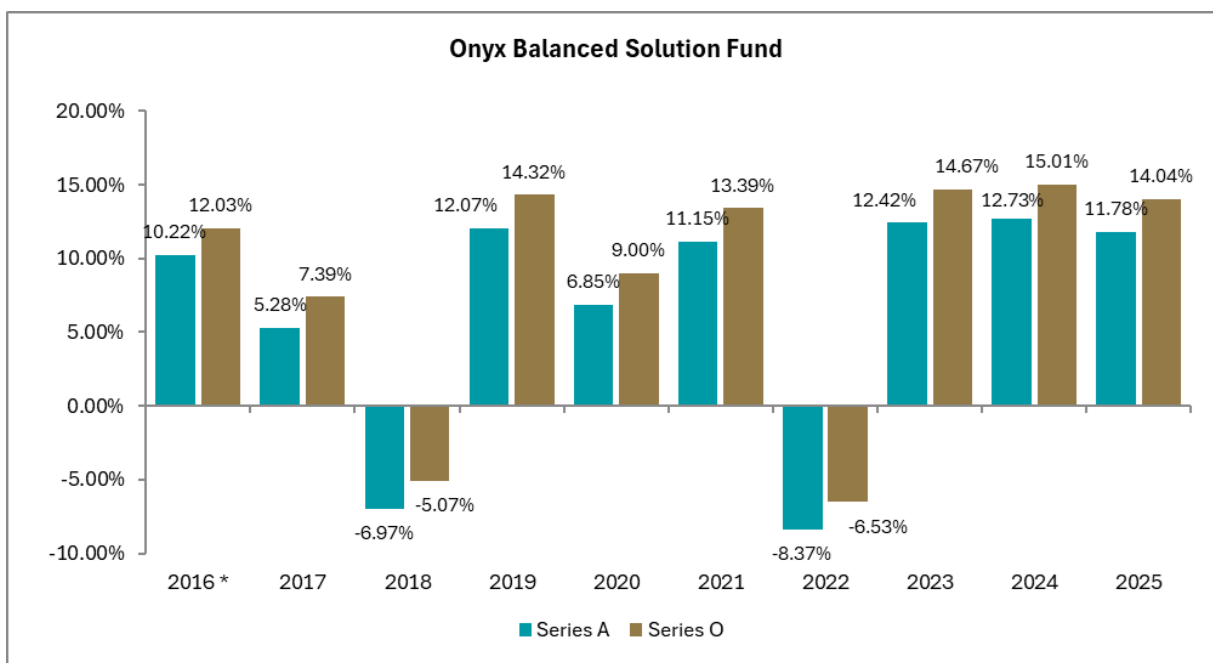
## Past Performance

The past performance of the Fund is set out in the following charts. The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the years shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions, or other optional charges, or income taxes payable that would have reduced returns or performance.

Mutual fund returns are not guaranteed. Please note that past performance is not indicative of future performance.

## Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund’s annual performance in each of the periods shown and illustrates how the Fund’s performance has changed from period to period. The chart below shows, in percentage terms, how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31, unless otherwise indicated.



\*Return from February 10, 2016 (commencement of operations) to December 31, 2016, not annualized.

## Annual Compound Returns

The following table displays the historical annual compounded total return for each series of units of the Fund for the years shown ending on December 31, 2025, compared with the following benchmarks:

- Fund Benchmark:
  - 35% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
  - 30% S&P/TSX Composite TR Index
  - 15% S&P 500 TR Index (in \$CAD)
  - 15% MSCI All Country World Index Ex-U.S. (in \$CAD)
  - 5% FTSE 91-Day T-Bill Index
- Broad-Based Benchmarks:
  - FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
  - S&P/TSX Composite TR Index

	Series A Units (%)	Series O Units (%)	Fund Benchmark (%)	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index (%)	S&P/TSX Composite TR Index (%)
One Year	11.78	14.04	16.22	2.64	31.68
Three Year	12.31	14.57	14.56	4.51	21.42
Five Year	7.61	9.78	8.89	(0.35)	16.09
Ten Year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Since Inception*	6.51	8.64	9.06	1.87	13.39

\*Inception date February 10, 2016

### Index Descriptions

- FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index: This index is composed of investment grade, fixed coupon, government, and corporate bonds, issued in Canada and denominated in Canadian dollars, with a remaining term to maturity of at least one year. The index is weighted by market capitalization.
- S&P/TSX Composite TR Index \$CAD: This index is a broad-based stock market index of the largest Canadian firms listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange and includes the reinvestment of cash distributions in the calculation of returns.
- S&P 500 TR Index \$CAD: This index is a measure of the stock performance of 500 leading companies listed on stock exchanges in the United States, in Canadian dollars, and includes the reinvestment of cash distributions in the calculation of returns.
- MSCI All Country World Index ex-USA: This index is designed to measure large and mid cap companies across 22 of 23 developed market countries (excluding the USA) and 26 emerging markets (EM) countries, in Canadian dollars. Please see the end of this report for additional information about this index.
- FTSE 91-Day T-Bill Index: This index tracks the performance of the current on-the-run 91-day Government of Canada T-Bill. It tracks a single security switched at each auction date (approximately every two weeks).

A discussion of the performance of the Fund relative to its benchmark(s) is found in the Results of Operation section of this report.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

The following table summarizes how the Fund's assets were distributed across various sectors as at December 31, 2025.

Portfolio Breakdown	% of Net Asset Value
Cash	0.0
Other net assets/(liabilities)	0.2
Fixed Income Funds	37.3
Canadian Equity Funds	31.6
International Equity Funds	30.9
Total	100.0

## Top 25 Holdings

The following table lists the holdings of the Fund (based on percentage of net asset values of the Fund) as at December 31, 2025. The prospectuses and other information about the underlying investment funds are available online at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).

Security	%
CWB Onyx Diversified Income Fund, Series O	37.3
CWB Onyx Canadian Equity Fund, Series O	31.6
CWB Onyx Global Equity Fund, Series O	30.9
Cash and Other Net Assets	0.2

The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of the Fund due to portfolio transactions of the Fund. The top 25 holdings are made available quarterly and may be obtained by contacting CWB WM at 1-855-292-9655 or by writing to CWB Wealth Management Ltd., National Bank Centre, 600 10180 - 101 Street, Edmonton, AB T5J 3S4.

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