

PIMCO CANADA CORP.

# Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

June 30, 2023

PIMCO ESG Income Fund (Canada)



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# Management Discussion of Fund Performance

## Investment Objectives and Strategies

PIMCO ESG Income Fund (Canada) ("the Fund") seeks to maximize current income, consistent with preservation of capital and prudent investment management, while incorporating PIMCO's Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") investment strategy. Long-term capital appreciation is a secondary objective.

In order to achieve its objectives, the Fund invests primarily in a multi-sector portfolio of Fixed Income Instruments of varying maturities.

## Risk

No changes affecting the overall risk associated with investing in the Fund were made during the period. The risks of investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the Fund's most recent Simplified Prospectus. Accordingly, the Fund remains suitable for the same investors outlined in the Simplified Prospectus.

## Results of Operations

The Series A units of the Fund returned 0.66%, net of fees, during the 6-month reporting period ending June 30, 2023. The Fund's benchmark, the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index (CAD, Hedged) returned 1.74% during the same reporting period. The net returns of the other series of units of the Fund are similar to those of Series A respectively, except for the expense structure differences.

The following market conditions were prevalent during the six-month reporting period:

In Q1, the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank ("SVB") and subsequent merger between UBS and Credit Suisse took center stage. Shockwaves reverberated through markets following the failure of SVB, with the 2-year Treasury posting its largest three-day slide since 1987 as investors flocked to quality. Volatility remained elevated as the market's confidence in Credit Suisse deteriorated and the Swiss National Bank orchestrated its takeover by UBS. Stock indices fell and bond yields rallied globally as concerns of financial contagion dampened risk sentiment. Despite exceeding expectations, inflation data continued to cool, spurring mixed market reactions.

Instability in the financial sector and broadly cooling inflation led investors to revise their expectations for central bank rate hikes as a sharp pullback in bank lending may slow the economy. The Federal Reserve delivered two 25 bps hikes over the quarter, including one in March despite heightened volatility. The central bank also revised its forward guidance for rates, softening its commitment to future hikes while maintaining the same 5.1% terminal rate projection from December. The Bank of England also raised policy rates twice over the quarter (+50 and +25 bps, respectively), and markets are now pricing in that the central bank will hike just once more as inflation has likely peaked. Similar to the U.S. and U.K., the European Central Bank raised policy rates twice (each time +50 bps); however, the central bank has signaled that it will continue to raise policy rates to lower core inflation.

In Q2, concerns over a possible U.S. debt default prompted yields on short-dated Treasury bills to exceed 5.3%, and the cost of 1-year U.S. Treasury default swaps reached an all-time high. Risk sentiment

remained robust, however, as markets were optimistic about negotiations. The S&P 500 hit a 9-month high after the House of Representatives passed a bill to raise the debt ceiling, which then passed through the Senate without much excitement from markets.

Signs of easing inflation prompted the Fed to offer dovish rhetoric earlier in the quarter; however, resilient growth and a swifter-than-expected resolution of stresses within the banking sector caused the Fed to signal that at least two additional rate hikes will be needed to combat inflation. U.S. headline inflation continued its decline over the quarter, rising at a 4% annual pace in May, which was the lowest reading in over two years. However, core inflation remained stubbornly high as much of the inflationary decline has been due to easing fuel and energy prices. Growth and inflation metrics have begun to diverge, prompting central banks to take different paths. The Federal Reserve hiked its policy rate once (+25 bps) before pausing in June, only to then signal that at least two additional hikes will be needed to combat inflation.

Over the reporting period, the Fund's interest rate and spread sector strategies detracted from performance, while currency strategies contributed.

## Recent Developments

An expected pullback in bank lending and a possible U.S. debt default led to uncertainty in the economic outlook. Risk sentiment was robust despite debt concerns surrounding the U.S. debt ceiling, with the MSCI World finishing the quarter up 6.99% and credit spreads broadly tightening. The Fed hiked its policy rate once more (+25 bps) in the second quarter before pausing, and then signaled that at least two additional hikes will be needed to combat sticky inflation. Meanwhile, global developed central banks continued their hiking cycles and maintained hawkish forward guidance due to persistently stubborn inflation prints.

In our base case we see a weakening of the U.S. economy in late summer or fall that will likely prompt the Fed to pause rate hikes past July. The Fed is combatting a two-handed U.S. economy, where on one hand inflation and labor market data has remained resilient, and, on the other hand, payroll growth has continued to decelerate and sticky inflation sectors, such as rental inflation, seem to be peaking. However, if market data continues to prove resilient, the Fed may be pressured to keep hiking beyond July, increasing the risk of a sharper slowdown. In this uncertain environment, we favor portfolio flexibility and liquidity to respond to events and potentially take advantage of opportunities. We continue to favor U.S. duration provided nominal rates remain higher relative to other developed countries. We also maintained a slight allocation to TIPS in the portfolio based on attractive valuations and as a hedge against a potential inflation overshoot.

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In spread sectors, we continue to be selective within corporate credit, favoring systemically important banks with direct central bank support, with a focus on the senior most part of the capital structure, and defensive sectors such as telecomm and healthcare. In securitized credit, we continue to look for opportunities to add exposure, particularly in U.S. agency mortgage backed securities given attractive valuations.

The ESG Income Fund (Canada) maintains diversified portfolio exposures with a focus on liquidity and quality while emphasizing opportunities we believe are attractive from an ESG perspective. The Fund seeks to balance its higher quality allocations (ex: U.S. treasuries, investment grade credit, Agency MBS), with higher yielding, “bend but do not break” credits, (ex: HY corporate credit, non-Agency MBS, emerging markets). We remain focused on bottom-up security selection and look to add attractive issuances as they arise. The Fund favors financial companies, which have benefited from increased regulation post-financial crisis (ex: systemically important banks with direct central bank support), with a focus on the senior most part of the capital structure. Within this sector, PIMCO has had the opportunity to engage with several banks in both the U.S. and in emerging markets on their own social bond issuances. Within the higher yielding segment the fund continues to favor Non-Agency MBS for their attractive risk/return profile and select CMBS with Gold and Platinum Leed certifications. We also remain selective in our high yield and emerging markets exposures and look to opportunistically add to this segment of the market. Going forward, we will seek to continue to deliver a consistent income stream in a responsible way while emphasizing issuers with strong ESG credentials and continuing to focus on holding securities that we consider to “bend but not break”.

The PIMCO ESG Income Fund (Canada) continues to source opportunities in green, social and sustainable bond issuers. We are allocating to green bonds particularly CMBS, banks, utilities and REITS, finding opportunities in bonds issued by businesses fundamentally aligned to climate solutions, such as solar power companies exposed to low carbon products and services. PIMCO may engage proactively with issuers to encourage them to improve their business practices.

In the event that a portfolio holding no longer fits the environmental, social or governance criteria of the fund, in the case of a recent severe controversy, for example, PIMCO can remove that position from the portfolio.

Over the reporting period, PIMCO’s analysts conducted issuer engagements with 24% of the Fund’s corporate portfolio, in terms of portfolio market value, on topics that include greenhouse gas emissions, ESG bonds, transparency and reporting, and human and labor rights.

### Related Party Transactions

PIMCO Canada Corp. (the “Manager”) is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of PIMCO. The Manager has retained PIMCO, a related party, to provide investment advice and make investment decisions for the Fund’s investment portfolio. The Manager receives management

fees from the Fund other than in the case of Series I and Series I (US\$) units, where the fees are paid directly by the investor to the Manager. The Manager, not the Fund, pays the fees payable to PIMCO for investment advisory services.

The Manager is a related party as defined by International Accounting Standards 24: Related Party Disclosures. The Fund is permitted to purchase or sell securities from or to certain related affiliated funds or portfolios under specified conditions outlined in the standing instructions of the Fund’s independent review committee, which have been designed to mitigate potential conflicts of interest that may arise from a purchase or sale of securities by the Fund from or to another investment fund managed by PIMCO Canada.

## 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 past six months ended June 30, 2023, and for the prior periods since inception.

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>^(1)</sup>

Series A	Period ended June 30	Period ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2021*
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year/period (\$)</b>	9.18	10.04	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.24	0.34	0.23
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.06)	(0.13)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.15)	(0.01)	(0.25)
Unrealized gain (losses) for the period	0.01	(0.80)	0.20
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.04	(0.60)	0.06
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.11)
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.11)
<b>Net Assets, end of year/period (\$) <sup>(4)</sup></b>	9.08	9.18	10.04

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series A	Period ended June 30	Period ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2021*
<b>Total net asset value (\$ (000's) <sup>(5)</sup></b>	5,912	4,894	2,652
<b>Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(5)</sup></b>	651	533	264
<b>Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup></b>	1.40%	1.40%	1.38%
<b>Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions</b>	1.40%	1.40%	1.38%
<b>Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup></b>	128%	101%	4%
<b>Net asset value per unit (\$)</b>	9.08	9.18	10.04

<sup>^</sup> A zero balance may reflect actual amounts rounding to less than \$0.01 or 0.01%.

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<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of Fund 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 or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.

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<sup>(8)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor 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.

## Financial Highlights (continued)

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>^(1)</sup>

Series F	Period ended June 30	Period ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2021*
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year/period (\$)</b>	9.18	10.04	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.24	0.34	0.23
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.04)	(0.08)	(0.07)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.17)
Unrealized gain (losses) for the period	0.01	(0.71)	0.12
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.07	(0.56)	0.11
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.19)	(0.26)	(0.16)
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	(0.19)	(0.26)	(0.16)
<b>Net Assets, end of year/period (\$) <sup>(4)</sup></b>	9.08	9.18	10.04

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series F	Period ended June 30	Period ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2021*
<b>Total net asset value (\$) (000's) <sup>(5)</sup></b>	44,066	39,131	24,648
<b>Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(5)</sup></b>	4,854	4,262	2,454
<b>Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup></b>	0.83%	0.83%	0.81%
<b>Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions</b>	0.83%	0.83%	0.81%
<b>Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup></b>	128%	101%	4%
<b>Net asset value per unit (\$)</b>	9.08	9.18	10.04

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## Financial Highlights (continued)

### The Fund's Net Assets per Unit <sup>^(1)</sup>

Series I	Period ended June 30	Period ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2021*
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year/period (\$)</b>	9.18	10.04	10.00
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>			
Total revenue	0.24	0.33	0.22
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.00)	(0.00)	—
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.14)	0.01	0.03
Unrealized gain (losses) for the period	0.02	(0.89)	0.02
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations <sup>(2)</sup></b>	0.12	(0.55)	0.27
<b>Distributions:</b>			
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.23)	(0.33)	(0.23)
<b>Total Annual Distributions <sup>(3)</sup></b>	(0.23)	(0.33)	(0.23)
<b>Net Assets, end of year/period (\$) <sup>(4)</sup></b>	9.08	9.18	10.04

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

Series I	Period ended June 30	Period ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2021*
<b>Total net asset value (\$) (000's) <sup>(5)</sup></b>	4,901	4,835	6,657
<b>Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(5)</sup></b>	540	527	663
<b>Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup></b>	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%
<b>Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions</b>	0.01%	0.01%	0.00%
<b>Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup></b>	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup></b>	128%	101%	4%
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## Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the operations of the Fund including arranging for the provision of services such as investment management, transfer agency, fund accounting and other administrative services. In consideration for the provision of such services, the Manager is paid a management fee by the Fund that is calculated and accrued daily and is payable monthly. With respect to Series I units, management fees are negotiated between the investor and the Manager. Many of the operating expenses of the Fund are largely payable by the Manager and not by the Fund. Management fees are used to pay trailing commissions, in connection with Series A units, to registered dealers for the services and/or advice that they provide to investors.

The breakdown of the services received as a percentage of the management fees are as follows:

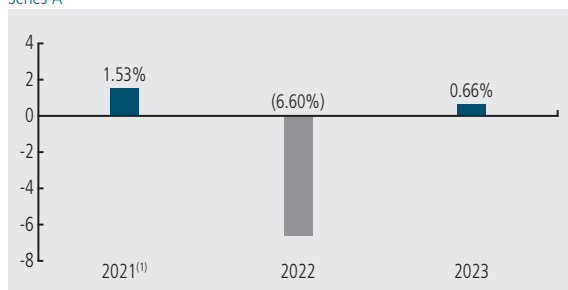
	Management Fee	Trailing Commissions paid to Dealers	Investment management and general administration
Series A	1.25%	40%	60%
Series F	0.75%	0%	100%

## Past Performance

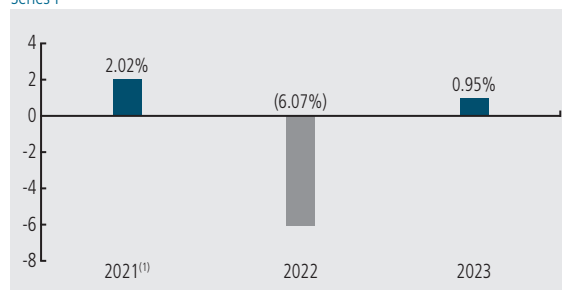
### Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar charts show each Series' performance for the 6-month period ended June 30, 2023, and for each of the previous periods ended December 31 and illustrate how the Series' performance has changed from year to year. In percentage terms, the bar charts indicate how much an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by the end of the period.

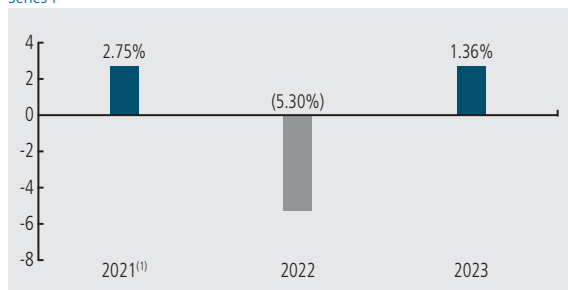
Series A



Series F



Series I



<sup>(1)</sup> Returns are from series inception February 26, 2021 to December 31, 2021.



## Summary of Investment Portfolio as at June 30, 2023

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to the Fund's ongoing portfolio transactions. Updates are available quarterly. To obtain a copy, please contact a member of our client services team at 1-866-341-3350.

<b>Country Allocation</b>		<b>% of NAV</b>	<b>Top 25 Holdings</b>		<b>% of NAV</b>
United States		73.2	Cash and Cash Equivalents		20.3
United Kingdom		6.4	Uniform Mortgage-Backed Security, TBA 4.000% 07/01/2053		6.3
Other		14.2	Freddie Mac 5.000% 05/01/2053		6.1
Total Investments (Long Positions)		93.8	Freddie Mac 5.500% 06/01/2053		5.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents		20.3	U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities 0.625% 01/15/2024		2.6
Financial Derivative Positions (Long Positions) <sup>(1)</sup>		(0.9)	U.S. Treasury Notes 3.875% 09/30/2029		1.4
Financial Derivative Positions (Short Positions) <sup>(1)</sup>		0.5	Fannie Mae, TBA 6.500% 07/01/2053		1.2
Liabilities Less Other Assets		(13.7)	New Century Home Equity Loan Trust 5.885% 10/25/2035		1.2
Total Portfolio Allocation		100.0	U.S. Treasury Notes 2.375% 03/31/2029		1.1
			1211 Avenue of the Americas Trust 4.280% 08/10/2035		1.1
			BAMLL Commercial Mortgage Securities Trust 7.943% 09/15/2038		1.0
			Barclays Commercial Real Estate Trust 4.715% 08/10/2033		1.0
			U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities 0.125% 07/15/2031		1.0
			Uniform Mortgage-Backed Security, TBA 5.500% 08/01/2053		1.0
			Uniform Mortgage-Backed Security 5.500% 04/01/2053		1.0
			MAD Mortgage Trust 3.478% 08/15/2034		0.9
			GoodLeap Sustainable Home Solutions Trust 4.950% 07/20/2049		0.8
			Independence Plaza Trust 3.911% 07/10/2035		0.8
			TDC Net AS 5.618% 02/06/2030		0.8
			Fannie Mae, TBA 6.500% 08/01/2053		0.7
			Merrill Lynch Mortgage Investors Trust 5.750% 12/25/2036		0.7
			First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 4.234% 03/25/2036		0.7
			Verizon Communications, Inc. 5.050% 05/09/2033		0.7
			Ginnie Mae, TBA 5.000% 07/01/2053		0.7
			Structured Asset Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust 5.440% 07/25/2036		0.7
			Total Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units (amount in thousands)		\$54,879

<sup>(1)</sup> % of NAV Represents unrealized gain (loss).

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