

**Interim Management Report  
of Fund Performance**

**For:**

Meritas Balanced Portfolio Fund  
For the period ended June 30, 2009

## **MERITAS BALANCED PORTFOLIO FUND**

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## **Management Discussion of Fund Performance**

### **Portfolio Sub-Advisor**

Meritas Financial Inc., Kitchener, ON

### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The principal investment objective of the Fund is to provide investors with a combination of capital gains and income from a diversified portfolio of investments that is split relatively equally between equities and fixed income.

### **Risk**

The risk level of the Fund has not significantly changed over the last year. The Fund remains well diversified in terms of number of holdings and is invested in five other Meritas Mutual Funds.

### **Results of Operations**

The Fund size increased from \$13.6 million to \$15.1 million throughout the period due to a combination of an increase in market value of the investments within the Fund and positive sales of units of the Fund.

The Fund is relatively conservative by design, being an equal mix of equities and fixed income. As a conservative portfolio, the Fund will tend to underperform other less constrained balanced funds when equity markets are strong and will likely outperform them when equity markets are decreasing in value.

During the period, the Fund performed above its benchmark as a result of the outperformance of some of the underlying Funds and the underperformance of other underlying Funds. The Canadian Bond Fund and the Money market Fund were the underperforming investments within the Balanced Portfolio Fund. The equity funds all outperformed their benchmarks with Jantzi Social Index Fund being the greatest outperforming investment.

Fees associated with the Fund also contributed to the underperformance of some underlying Funds as the managers were unable to achieve performance which made up for the amount of the fees incurred to run the Fund.

Income and expenses both remain in line with prior year's experience taking into account both the size of the Fund and the market conditions experienced in the current period.

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### **Management Discussion of Fund Performance (continued)**

#### **Recent Developments**

##### **Future Accounting Policy Change**

As at December 31, 2008 the Manager has developed a changeover plan to meet the timetable published by the CICA for changeover to IFRS. The key elements of the plan include disclosures of the qualitative impact in the December 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010 financial statements, disclosures of the quantitative impact, if any, in the December 31, 2010 financial statements and the preparation of the December 31, 2011 financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

Based on the Manager's current evaluation of the differences between Canadian GAAP and IFRS, the Manager does not expect that net assets attributable to unitholders or net asset value per unit will be impacted by the changeover to IFRS. Currently the Manager expects that the impact of IFRS on the Fund's financial statements will result in additional disclosures and potentially different presentation of unitholder interests and certain other items

#### **Related Party Transactions**

Meritas Financial Inc. is the Manager of the Fund. All expenses of the Fund are payable by the Manager, other than legal fees, audit fees, filing fees, custodial fees, record keeping and communication charges, bank charges, printing stationery and supplies, brokerage on securities and taxes. In consideration for management services and pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly fee applied to the average daily net asset value of the Fund.

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### Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information of the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five and a half years. The information for the years ended December 31, 2004 to 2008 is derived from the Fund's annual audited financial statements and the information for the six month period ended June 30, 2009 is from the Fund's interim financial statement. To obtain a copy of any of these statements please see the information presented earlier in this document.

	Class A Units					
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
<b>Net assets per unit, GAAP</b>						
beginning of periods (a)	\$ 9.79	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.86	\$ 10.95	\$ 10.21	\$ 10.00
Initial adoption of Section 3855	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.06	0.21	0.16	0.16	0.13	0.12
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses) for the periods	-	0.03	0.02	-	-	-
Unrealized gains (losses) for the periods	0.66	(2.13)	(0.30)	0.82	0.72	0.32
Transaction costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (a)</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>(1.92)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.23</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	(0.02)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	-	-	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions (a)(b)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>
<b>Net assets per unit, GAAP, end of periods (a)</b>						
	\$ 10.46	\$ 9.79	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.86	\$ 10.95	\$ 10.21
<b>Ratios and Supplemental data:</b>						
Net assets, GAAP, end of periods	\$ 15,077,115	\$ 13,528,475	\$ 15,397,802	\$ 12,216,265	\$ 9,354,724	\$ 4,328,672
Adjustment from bid to closing price	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets, Trading, end of periods	\$ 15,077,115	\$ 13,528,475	\$ 15,397,802	\$ 12,216,265	\$ 9,354,724	\$ 4,328,672
Number of units outstanding end of periods	1,442,090	1,382,285	1,316,497	1,029,936	853,968	424,144
Net asset value per unit, Trading, end of periods	\$ 10.46	\$ 9.79	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.86	\$ 10.95	\$ 10.21
Management expense ratio (MER) (c)	2.64%	2.63%	2.66%	2.68%	2.67%	2.41%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	3.52%	3.27%	3.25%	3.38%	3.88%	6.71%
Portfolio turnover rate (d)	-	3.40%	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio (e)	-	-	-	-	-	-

- (a) 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 number of units outstanding during the period. This table is not intended to reconcile beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (b) Distributions were either paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund.
- (c) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. The manager may absorb some operating expenses payable by the Fund and may discontinue this at any time at its discretion. Total expenses include an addback for the management fees rebated from the other Meritas funds held.
- (d) 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 in the course of the year. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.
- (e) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the period. It has not been shown for years prior to 2005 as it was a new reporting requirement in 2005.

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### Financial Highlights (continued)

The following tables show selected key financial highlights of the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial highlights since it commenced operations on Jan. 20, 2008. The information for the period ended December 31, 2008 is derived from the Fund's annual audited financial statements and for the six month period ended June 30, 2009 is from the interim financial statements. To obtain a copy of any of these statements please see the information presented earlier in this document.

	Class F Units	
	2009	2008
<b>Net assets per unit, GAAP,</b>		
<b>beginning of period</b>	\$ 9.86	\$ 11.98
<b>Initial adoption of Section 3855</b>	-	-
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>		
Total revenue	0.06	0.18
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.05)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	-	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.76	(2.60)
Transaction costs	-	-
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (a)</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>(2.44)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>		
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-
From dividends	-	-
From capital gains	-	-
Return of capital	-	-
<b>Total annual distributions (a)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets per unit, GAAP, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 10.61</b>	<b>\$ 9.86</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental data:</b>		
Net assets, GAAP, end of period	\$ 55,619	\$ 51,727
Adjustment from bid to closing price	-	-
Net assets, Trading, end of period	\$ 55,619	\$ 51,727
Number of units outstanding, end of period	5,244	5,244
Net asset value per unit, Trading, end of period	\$ 10.61	\$ 9.86
Management expense ratio (MER) (c)	1.59%	1.58%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.47%	2.22%
Portfolio turnover rate (d)	-	3.40%
Trading expense ratio (e)	-	-

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### Management Fees

The Manager is responsible for the management, supervision and administration of the Fund. Management fees are accrued daily and are payable monthly in arrears. The maximum management fee chargeable to the Fund is 2.35%. The management fee covers the cost of advisory fees and sales, marketing and distribution expenses of the Fund. The Manager pays trailer fees and selling commissions out of the management fees. The following table shows the maximum trailer fees and commissions paid to dealers. The fees depend on the sales charge option chosen by the investor.

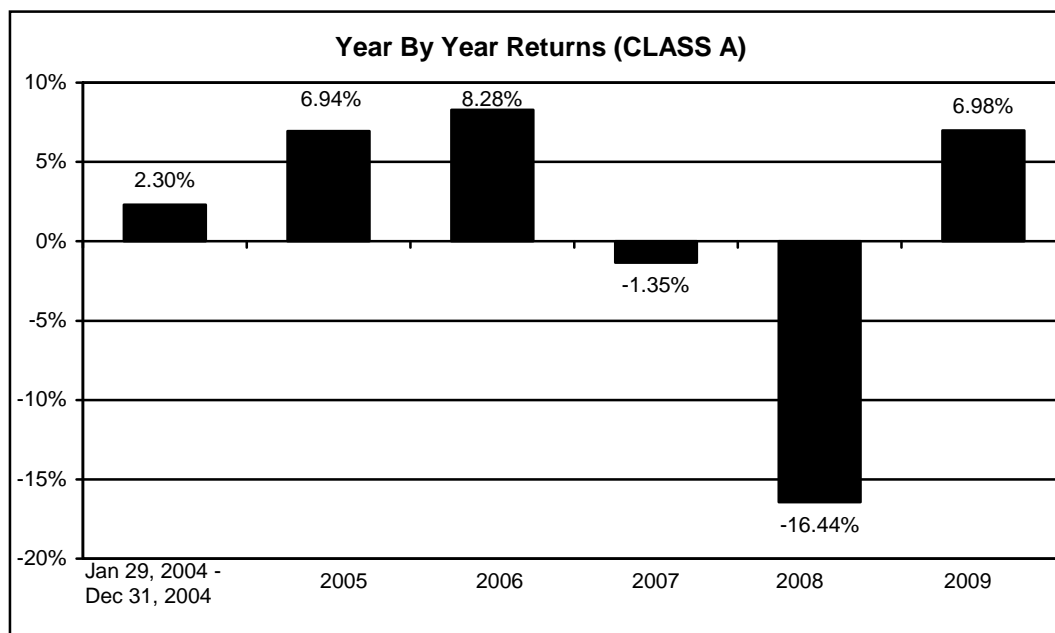
Sales Charge Option	Deferred Sales Charge	Front End Sales Charge	Low Load Sales Charge
Trailer Fees (annual)	0.50%	1.00%	0.75%
Sales Commission (paid once at purchase)	4.90%	0.00%	2.00%

### Past Performance

The following charts show the Fund's past performance and gives you an idea of the risk involved. Past returns do not tell you how the Fund will perform in the future. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional changes that could have reduced returns or performance.

#### Year-by-year Returns

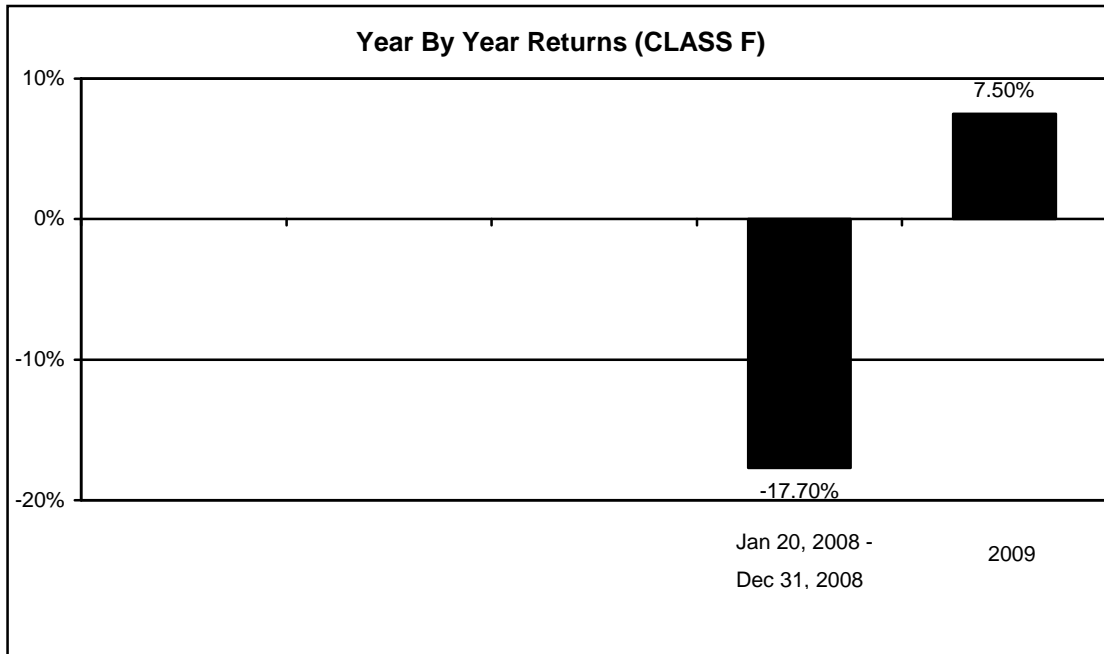
This chart shows the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown and how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart shows, in percentage terms how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.



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## Past Performance (continued)



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### Summary of Investment Portfolio at June 30, 2009

All Holdings:

Security Name	% of net assets, GAAP
Meritas Canadian Bond Fund	40.2
Meritas Jantzi Social Index® Fund	29.6
Meritas U.S. Equity Fund	11.6
Meritas International Equity Fund	11.5
Meritas Money Market Fund	4.2
Cash and other net assets	2.9
Total	100.0

The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Updates are available quarterly.

The Fund invests in other Meritas Funds; the prospectus and other information about these other Meritas Funds are available on the Internet at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

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