

## Announcing MFA's Fossil Fuel Free Investment Options

With many local governments who have declared a state of climate emergency in their communities, we are pleased to announce fossil fuel free investment options now available to our Clients.

In addition to our **2 Pooled High Interest Savings Accounts with CIBC and National Bank**, which can be considered fossil fuel free, we announced the launch of our new **Fossil Fuel Free Short-term Bond Fund (FFF ST BF)** on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We have been actively working with Phillips, Hager, and North (PH&N) to bring you the first of its kind in Canada – a fixed income fossil fuel free investment fund.

In addition to the launch of the new FFF ST BF, we announced effective May 25<sup>th</sup> the repositioning of our previously named Intermediate Fund. The "tilt" focuses on highly liquid government securities and includes only the 6 Domestically Systematically Important Banks (D-SIB). This Fund is now called the **Government Focused Ultra-short Bond Fund (GF US BF)** and is also considered to be Fossil Fuel Free.

Both the FFF ST BF and the GF US BF provide a credible and well-diversified active investment solution to MFA Clients who choose to divest from fossil fuel investments.

## Fossil Fuel Free Short-term Bond Fund - Highlights

- Fund Manager, PH&N, will use a third-party screening service provided by Sustainalytics and the Carbon Underground 200 list to "screen out" fossil fuel related companies
- The FFF ST BF fund will be among the lowest cost actively managed Bond Fund of its type in Canada
- Minimum contribution \$10,000
- Most appropriate for reserve moneys not needed for 3 years or longer, due to the interest rate sensitivity of the fixed rate investments in the pool
- The Fund invests in high quality Canadian-dollar denominated fixed income investments and is appropriate from a risk perspective for Local Governments
- Offers a very cost-effective opportunity for professional management and diversification into a broad category of bonds otherwise not featured in many local government investment portfolios



## Government Focused Ultra-short Bond Fund - Highlights

- Composition of the fund has the highest quality and most liquid securities, 10% Federal Bonds, 65-90% Provincials/Municipals, and 0-25% D-SIB Financials
- Appropriate for clients with a time horizon of 0 to 15 months
- Provides clients with an ultra-conservative and ultra-liquid investment option
- Minimum contribution \$10,000
- Reduced fees from 0.20% to 0.15%.
- Allows efficient access to government securities that are not available in any other form to the majority of our clients

If you would like to discuss these new fossil fuel free options please reach out to one of our Client Services Team at <u>invest@mfa.bc.ca</u>. We are available to discuss in-depth details of the Funds and provide assistance if you are preparing a report to your council or board.

More information about these and any of our Funds can be found on the <u>MFA website</u>. The direct link to the Mandate Profiles for these new Funds can be found here: <u>FFF ST BF</u> - <u>GF US BF</u>

Once you are ready to subscribe to the FFF ST BF or the GF US BF, please complete the <u>Subscription</u> <u>Request Form</u> located <u>here</u>.