

# Scotia U.S. \$ Bond Fund

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the period ended June 30, 2011

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You may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

In this document, we, us, our and the Manager refers to Scotia Asset Management L.P. ("SAM") and fund refers to the Scotia U.S. \$ Bond Fund.

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Results of Operations

Over the review period, the fund's Class A units returned 1.61% compared to a 3.00% return for the Merrill Lynch U.S. Corporate & Government Index (both in U.S. dollars). In contrast to the index, the fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses. Any difference between the performance of the Class A units and other classes of the fund is the result of the different management fees charged to, and operating expenses recovered from, each class. Please see the "Past Performance" section for the performance returns of the fund's other classes.

Fixed income markets began the period on a positive note with a few notable exceptions that included the ongoing sovereign

debt issues in Greece, Ireland and Portugal. Other macroeconomic concerns included the strength and sustainability of U.S. economic growth, as well as consumer debt levels. The significant issue that impacted capital markets was the Japanese earthquake and tsunami. Occurring near the end of the first quarter of 2011, these natural disasters shut down Japanese production facilities and disrupted the supply chains of several industries worldwide during the latter half of the review period.

The end of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's quantitative easing program created uncertainty in terms of what movements might occur in the U.S. Treasury yield curve. Sustained demand for U.S. Treasuries, in response to equity market declines, generally pushed U.S. Treasury yields lower.

The fund's duration was kept relatively neutral in relation to the index over the review period. As such, duration had no significant impact on the fund's relative performance over the period. The fund's neutral position was taken as a result of the portfolio advisor's belief that there will be little or no movement in short-term interest rates through the remainder of 2011.

The fund maintained its "barbell" positioning on the yield curve over the review period. While the fund's overweight position in 1- to 3-year maturities remained intact, the fund's previous overweight position in 7- to 10-year maturities was moved further along the curve. At the end of the period, the fund's overweight position was in 10- to 30-year maturities, while the underweight "bucket" was broadened to 3- to 10-year maturities. This allocation was driven by the steepening of the 10- to 30-year part of the yield curve early in the period.

While the fund's overweight position in short and long maturities contributed to fund performance over the review period (as rates declined in general), the fund's underweight position in mid maturities detracted from the fund's relative performance over the period (as this area of the curve was where rates declined the most).

At the end of the review period, the fund had a large overweight position in provincial bonds, a moderately underweight position in corporate bonds, and a large underweight position in federal issues. Spreads varied over the first half of 2011, narrowing in the first half of the review period and widening in the second half. Over the period, net movement was a modest tightening, so the fund's overweight position in provincials was a contributor to the fund's relative performance, while the funds' moderate underweight position in corporate issues detracted from performance over the period.

Overall, sector allocation was a net contributor to the fund's relative performance over the period.

The fund's bias toward higher-quality issues detracted from its relative performance, as lower-grade credit issues provided better returns over the review period.

Over the review period, the fund experienced net sales of U.S. \$20,916,557.

### Recent Developments

On April 1, 2011, Scotia Asset Management L.P. appointed Goodman & Company, Investment Counsel Ltd. ("GCICL"), an affiliate of the Manager, as sub-advisor to the fund. As sub-advisor, GCICL provides investment advice and makes investment decisions for the fund.

The portfolio advisor expects U.S. economic growth to rebound in the third quarter of 2011, with the resolution of the Japanese supply-chain issues driving improved production. The portfolio advisor expects to keep the fund's duration neutral relative to the index for an extended period of time.

The fund's yield curve positioning is based on the portfolio advisor's expectation of new Treasury issues being in the 3- to 10-year maturity range. Should the advisor's view change, the fund's duration positioning will be modified accordingly. The fund's sector allocation may be shifted to include a slightly higher corporate component, as spreads remain attractive and corporate fundamentals remain generally sound.

### Future Accounting Changes

Effective January 1, 2011, International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") replaced Canadian standards and interpretations as Canadian GAAP for publicly accountable enterprises, which include the fund. However, in January 2011, the Canadian Accounting Standards Board ("AcSB") decided to allow Investment Companies to defer the adoption of IFRS until the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") completes its investment company proposal. Entities currently applying Accounting Guideline 18, "Investment Companies" can continue to apply existing Canadian standards in Part V of the CICA Handbook – Accounting until fiscal years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. In light of this decision, the Manager will defer the first-time adoption of IFRS until fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

The Manager has commenced the development of a changeover plan to meet the implementation date. The key elements of the plan include identifying differences between the fund's current accounting policies and those the Fund expect to apply under IFRS, as well as any accounting policy and implementation decisions and their resulting impact, if any, on the Net Assets or Net Asset Value of the Fund.

The major qualitative impacts noted as of December 31, 2010 would be the addition of a statement of cash flows, the impact of classification of puttable instruments, accounting treatment for controlled investees, impact of reporting future income tax

assets or liabilities when applicable, and additional note disclosures.

The Manager has presently determined that there will be no quantitative impact on the Net Asset Value per Unit of each fund class resulting from the changeover to IFRS. However, this present determination is subject to change resulting from the issuance of new standards or new interpretations of existing standards.

### Related Party Transactions

We are the trustee, manager, registrar and transfer agent of the fund. The fund pays us a management fee, which may vary for each class of units of the fund. The Bank of Nova Scotia ("Scotiabank"), the parent company of the manager, earns fees for providing custodial services, including safekeeping and administrative services and unitholder record-keeping services to the fund.

Our affiliates may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the fund, such as banking, brokerage, securities lending, foreign exchange and derivatives transactions. We, or our affiliates, may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between units of funds denominated in different currencies. The fund also maintains bank accounts and over-draft provisions with Scotiabank for which Scotiabank may earn a fee.

For certain classes of units of the fund, Scotia Securities Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Scotiabank, is the principal distributor for which it is paid a trailer commission by SAM. Units of the funds are also distributed through brokers and dealers, including Scotia Capital Inc. ("SCI"), DWM Securities Inc. ("DWMI") and Dundee Private Investors Inc. ("DPII") which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Scotiabank. SCI, DWMI and DPII, like other dealers, are paid a trailer commission by SAM for distributing certain classes of units of the fund. Trailer commissions are paid by SAM out of the management fees it receives from the fund and are based on the average value of assets held by each dealer.

SAM 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 SAM. The IRC prepares, at least annually, a report of its activities to unitholders of the fund. The report is available on the ScotiaFunds website at [www.scotiafunds.com](http://www.scotiafunds.com) or at the unitholder's request at no cost by contacting SAM (see front page).

SAM 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 related issuer, including Scotiabank;
- Trades in securities with SCI or parties related to the manager or the portfolio advisor, where SCI or such related parties act as principal;

- Investing in securities of an issuer during, or for 60 days after, the period in which SCI, or a related entity to the portfolio advisor, acted as an underwriter in the offering of those securities; and
- Purchases or sales of securities from or to another investment fund managed by us (referred to as “Inter Fund Trading”).

The applicable standing instructions require that investment decisions relating to the above types of transactions (i) are made free from any influence by us or any entity related to us and without taking in account any considerations relevant to us or any entity related to us; (ii) represent the business judgment of the portfolio advisor uninfluenced by any consideration other than the best interests of the funds; (iii) are in compliance with our policies; and (iv) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the fund.

From time to time, the fund may enter into portfolio securities transactions with SCI or other dealers in whom Scotiabank has a significant interest (the “Related Dealers”). These Related Dealers may earn commissions or spreads provided that such trades are made on terms and conditions that are comparable to non-related brokers or dealers.

## 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 over each of the past five years ended December 31, as applicable, and for the six months ended June 30, 2011. This information is derived from the fund’s audited annual financial statements and unaudited interim financial statements, as applicable.

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

#### Class A Units

	June 30		December 31				(U.S.\$)
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.98	10.79	10.89	10.53	10.33	10.53	
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>							
Total revenue	\$ 0.19	0.41	0.51	0.55	0.58	0.57	
Total expenses	\$ (0.10)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.19)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 0.04	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.15)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 0.04	0.01	(0.20)	0.30	0.23	(0.06)	
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.17</b>	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.12</b>	<b>0.65</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>0.17</b>	
<b>Distributions:</b>							
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.10)	(0.21)	(0.31)	(0.36)	(0.39)	(0.39)	
From dividends	\$ –	–	–	–	–	–	
From capital gains	\$ –	–	–	–	–	–	
Return of capital	\$ –	–	–	–	–	–	
<b>Total distributions for period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.10)</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>(0.39)</b>	<b>(0.39)</b>	
<b>Net assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 11.04</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>10.79</b>	<b>10.89</b>	<b>10.53</b>	<b>10.33</b>	

#### Class F Units

	June 30		December 31				(U.S.\$)
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	
Net Assets, beginning of period	\$ 10.95	10.77	10.88	10.52	10.32	10.52	
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>							
Total revenue	\$ 0.19	0.33	0.55	0.55	0.58	0.58	
Total expenses	\$ (0.07)	(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.11)	
Realized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 0.04	(0.01)	0.02	(0.01)	(0.04)	(0.09)	
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	\$ 0.02	(0.35)	(0.29)	0.38	0.25	(0.06)	
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.18</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>0.32</b>	
<b>Distributions:</b>							
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	\$ (0.12)	(0.27)	(0.38)	(0.44)	(0.47)	(0.47)	
From dividends	\$ –	–	–	–	–	–	
From capital gains	\$ –	–	–	–	–	–	
Return of capital	\$ –	–	–	–	–	–	
<b>Total distributions for period<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.12)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>	<b>(0.38)</b>	<b>(0.44)</b>	<b>(0.47)</b>	<b>(0.47)</b>	
<b>Net assets, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 11.01</b>	<b>10.95</b>	<b>10.77</b>	<b>10.88</b>	<b>10.52</b>	<b>10.32</b>	

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the fund’s unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements. The net assets per security presented in the financial statements differs from the net asset value calculated for fund pricing purposes. This difference is due to the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), including CICA Handbook Section 3855, and may result in a different valuation of securities held by the fund in accordance with GAAP than the market value used to determine net asset value of the fund for the purchase, switch and redemption of the fund’s units (“Pricing NAV”). The provisions of Section 3855 have been applied retroactively without restatement of periods prior to December 31, 2007. The Pricing NAV per unit at the end of the period is disclosed in Ratios and Supplemental Data.

<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.

<sup>(4)</sup> The net assets per unit at period end is not a cumulative amount but, rather, the value of the fund’s units, in accordance with GAAP, as at the fund’s period end.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

#### Class A Units

	June 30		December 31			
	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Total net asset value (000’s) <sup>(1)</sup>	(U.S.) \$ 107,865	86,165	32,043	16,430	15,044	15,787
Number of units outstanding (000’s) <sup>(1)</sup>	9,762	7,850	2,970	1,508	1,415	1,529
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.77	1.80	1.94	1.81	1.83	1.83
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.77	1.80	2.09	2.13	2.24	2.18
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% –	–	–	–	–	–
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 73.49	14.05	25.86	33.60	14.43	21.85
Net asset value per unit	\$ 11.05	10.98	10.79	10.90	10.63	10.33

**Class F Units**

	June 30 2011	December 31				
		2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	(U.S.) \$ 389	507	5	14	13	12
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>(1)</sup>	35	46	-	1	1	1
Management expense ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.35	1.35	1.08	0.99	1.04	1.03
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions <sup>(2)</sup>	% 1.58	1.90	43.44	19.01	23.80	21.57
Trading expense ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	% -	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(4)</sup>	% 73.49	14.05	25.86	33.60	14.43	21.85
Net asset value per unit <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 11.02	10.95	10.77	10.89	10.62	10.32

(1) This information is provided as at the period end of the year shown.  
 (2) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.  
 (3) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period.  
 (4) 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.

**Management Fees**

The management fee for each class is calculated as a percentage of its daily net asset value and is accrued daily. The management fees cover the costs of managing the fund, allow us to arrange to provide investment analysis, recommendations and investment decision making for the fund, allow us to make brokerage arrangements for the purchase and sale of the fund's portfolio securities and to provide or arrange to provide other services. The breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees for each class, as a percentage of the management fees, are as follows:

	Maximum Management Fees (%)	Breakdown of Services	
		Dealer Compensation (%)	Other* (%)
Class A	1.50	5.61	94.39
Class F	0.75	-	100

\* Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

**Past Performance**

The performance shown assumes that all distributions made by the fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the fund. If you hold the fund outside of a registered plan, you will be taxed on these distributions.

The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns.

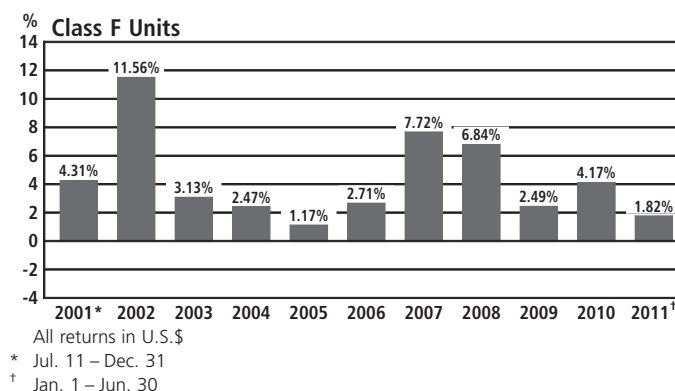
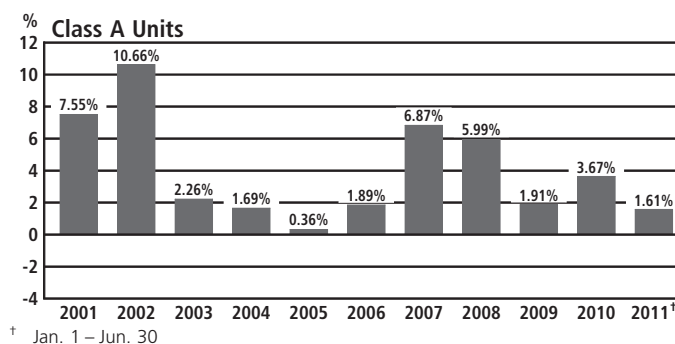
How the fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

On April 1, 2011, the Manager appointed Goodman & Company, Investment Counsel Ltd. as sub-advisor to the fund. This change could have materially affected the performance of the fund during the performance measurement periods.

All rates of return are calculated based on Pricing NAV and are in Canadian dollars unless stated otherwise.

**Year-by-Year Returns**

This chart shows the fund's performance, which changes from year to year. It shows in percentage terms how much an investment held on January 1 each year would have increased or decreased by December 31 of that year, or by June 30, as applicable.



**Summary of Investment Portfolio**

(as at June 30, 2011)

This is a breakdown of the fund's investments and a list of up to 25 of its largest holdings. The holdings will change as the portfolio advisor buys and sells securities. You can obtain a list of portfolio holdings on a quarterly basis by calling 1 800 268-9269 (416 750-3863 in Toronto), or by visiting [www.scotiafunds.com](http://www.scotiafunds.com).

**Currency Mix<sup>(1)</sup>**

	% of net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>
United States Dollar	100.0

(1) Based on Pricing NAV.

**Sector Mix<sup>(1)</sup>**

	% of net asset value <sup>(2)</sup>
Canadian Provincial Bonds	39.6
United States Federal Bonds	30.7
United States Corporate Bonds	8.9
Canadian Federal Bonds	6.2
Canadian Corporate Bonds	5.8

<sup>(1)</sup> 8.8% of the fund's assets are held in cash, other assets and liabilities.

<sup>(2)</sup> Based on Pricing NAV.

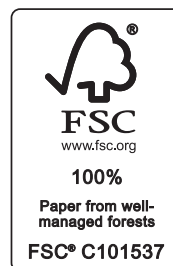
**Top Holdings**

Issuer	% of net asset value <sup>(1)</sup>
United States Treasury Note 4.38% due May 15, 2041	15.5
United States Treasury Note 0.63% due Jan. 31, 2013	9.9
Cash and cash equivalents	7.8
Province of Manitoba 2.13% due Apr. 22, 2013	5.5
Province of Ontario 1.88% due Nov. 19, 2012	4.5
Province of Ontario 4.40% due Apr. 14, 2020	4.1
Inter-American Development Bank 3.00% due Apr. 22, 2014	3.8
Province of Ontario 4.00% due Oct. 7, 2019	3.7
Province of British Columbia 4.30% due May 30, 2013	3.3
Province of Quebec 4.60% due May 26, 2015	3.0
Export Development Canada 2.38% due Mar. 19, 2012	2.7
Province of New Brunswick 9.75% due May 15, 2020	2.5
Province of Nova Scotia 5.13% due Jan. 26, 2017	2.0
Province of New Brunswick 7.63% due Feb. 15, 2013	2.0
Export Development Canada 1.75% due Sep. 24, 2012	1.8
Province of Quebec 3.50% due Jul. 29, 2020	1.8
Province of Ontario 4.75% due Jan. 19, 2016	1.7
Province of Saskatchewan 7.38% due Jul. 15, 2013	1.5
Province of Quebec 4.63% due May 14, 2018	1.5
Export Development Canada 3.13% due Apr. 24, 2014	1.4
National Bank of Canada 1.65% due Jan. 30, 2014	1.3
Province of Manitoba 4.90% due Dec. 6, 2016	1.0
International Business Machines Corporation 7.63% due Oct. 15, 2018	0.8
Rogers Communications Inc. 6.80% due Aug. 15, 2018	0.8
Canadian Pacific Railway Company 6.50% due May 15, 2018	0.7
<b>Total Net Asset Value (000's)</b>	<b>U.S. \$108,254</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on Pricing NAV.







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