

CIBC Multi-Asset Absolute Return Strategy

As at December 31, 2025

Series	A	F
Management fee	1.90%	0.90%
Administrative fee	0.20%	0.20%
Fund code	ATL5012	ATL5010
Fund code (USD)	ATL5014	ATL5015
Inception date	October 22, 2018	October 22, 2018
Inception date (USD)	October 28, 2019	October 28, 2019
Series	A & F	
Distribution frequency	Semi-Annually	
Minimum investment	\$500	
Minimum additional investment	\$100	
Liquidity	Daily	
Fund category	Alternative Multi-Strategy	

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Volatility ranking

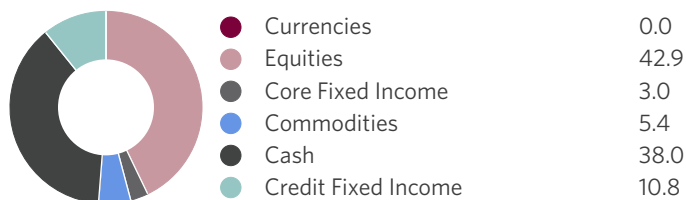
Low	Low - Medium	Medium	Medium - High	High
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Fund characteristics	Value
Net assets	\$591,436,525
Standard Deviation	3.980
Sharpe	-0.139
Beta	0.106
R (Correlation)	0.250
Max Drawdown	-2.758
Yield	2.770

Strategy exposure % (net)



Asset class exposure % (net)



Regional exposure % (net)



Top net holdings	Portfolio weight (%)
CC&L GLOBAL MARKET NEUTRAL II FUND	7.9
90-DAY BANK BILL COMM FUTURES DEC 26	7.0
3M CORRA FUTURES CORRA DEC 26	6.3
MACQUARIE BNK LDN NOV 30 26 STR NOTE	5.4
TRS UBSS TR LEG UBCSTHPS	4.3
MINI S&P 500 INDEX FUTURE MAR 26	4.3
EURO BTP BOND FUTURE MAR 26	4.3
BANNER TRUST D/N 2.890 JAN 13 26	3.5
S&P/TSE 60 IX INDEX FUTURE MAR 26	3.4
AUSTRALIA 10 YEAR BOND FUTURE MAR 26	2.9

Performance (%) As at December 31, 2025

Trailing returns	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	10 yrs	Since inception
Series A	0.6	1.1	2.9	3.3	3.6	-0.5	n/a	0.9
Series F	0.6	1.4	3.5	4.4	4.8	0.6	n/a	2.0
Series A (USD)	2.4	2.5	2.1	8.2	3.2	-2.0	n/a	-0.2
Series F (USD)	2.5	2.8	2.7	9.3	4.3	-1.0	n/a	0.9

Calendar year returns	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Series A	3.3	4.5	3.1	-12.3	-0.3	7.3	0.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Series F	4.4	5.6	4.3	-11.3	0.8	8.5	1.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
Series A (USD)	8.2	-3.7	5.4	-18.0	0.4	9.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Series F (USD)	9.3	-2.6	6.5	-17.1	1.4	10.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Returns are net of fees.

COMMENTARY As at December 31, 2025



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Summary

- MAARS risk exposure has remained aligned with its long-term targets. The portfolio maintained its pro-cyclical positioning throughout the period.
- Market sentiment improved, driven by stronger global economic data, solid US corporate earnings, and reduced trade tensions. The AI theme remained prominent, supported by increasing demand and significant capital investment.

Market overview

The CIBC Multi-Asset Absolute Return Fund (MAARS) is a multi-strategy investment fund designed to provide exposure to a diversified set of absolute return liquid alternatives. It employs strategies encompassing factors such as carry, momentum, cycle, and value to achieve broad diversification across equity, fixed income, currency, and commodity markets. The primary goal is to serve as a single-stop alternatives portfolio allocation, offering consistent returns while prioritizing diversification and drawdown management. The Fund focuses on maximizing the quality of

returns through consistent performance, risk mitigation, and awareness of potential drawdowns.

MAARS delivered a positive performance in December. The month began with heightened uncertainty in risk assets, as both equity and fixed income markets grappled with evolving economic data and speculation regarding the Federal Reserve's next steps. However, the latter half of December saw a marked improvement, with risk assets rebounding strongly. The multi-strategy design of MAARS contributed to a notable reduction in volatility relative to traditional asset classes. The diversification inherent in the fund's construction provided meaningful stability throughout market fluctuations, resulting in a steady and consistent positive return for the month, characterized by a smooth performance trajectory.

Our Cross-Asset strategy achieved a positive return over the period, underpinned by strong performance from our top-down systematic equity approach. The systematic equity strategy was particularly effective, with the momentum factor emerging as the primary driver of gains. This factor adeptly captured prevailing market trends, allowing us to benefit from sustained movements in equity markets. While overall results were positive, it is

important to note that both the fixed income and currency systematic strategies registered small negative contributions. These underperformances were broad-based across several components of each strategy, rather than attributable to any single factor or position.

MAARS' active currency strategy delivered a negative return in December, as active risk was initially scaled back early in the month to navigate the typically lower liquidity and profit-taking dynamics that characterize year-end trading. As market conditions evolved and new opportunities emerged, risk was gradually redeployed mid-month. Throughout the period, the strategy maintained a tilt towards high carry Emerging Market currencies such as the Brazilian real and South African rand, though these positions were tactically reduced in response to shifting market signals. Our investment process also supported increased long exposures in the Malaysian ringgit, Australian dollar, and Norwegian krone, reflecting constructive developments including improved Chinese growth expectations, resilient domestic demand, and supportive central bank policy outlooks. Key funding positions remained in the Canadian dollar, euro, Swiss franc, Chinese renminbi, Singapore dollar, and Thai baht, with allocations adjusted in line with changing economic data and central bank communications.

Our cross-sectional strategies, which are predominantly comprised of quantitative investment strategies (QIS), delivered positive performance in December. These systematic approaches utilize advanced mathematical models and data-driven analysis to inform investment decisions, supporting our disciplined and

objective framework. Within the portfolio, our commodity strategies stood out, particularly those targeting gold and oil volatility, which generated strong returns for the month. The only area of underperformance was our quantitative U.S. rates strategy, which lagged during the period. Despite this, the overall contribution from our cross-sectional and commodity strategies was robust, resulting in a solid finish for December.

Bottom-up long-short equity strategies delivered a modestly positive result for the month. From a factor perspective, performance was broadly consistent and positive across most factors, reflecting a supportive market environment for our diversified approach. Value was particularly notable as the leading contributor, but other factors also delivered solid gains, reinforcing the effectiveness of our multi-factor allocation. The only exception was the Quality factor, which continued to lag and detract from overall performance. This divergence highlights the importance of maintaining balanced exposure, as market conditions can shift the relative strength of individual factors.

Within MAARS' risk oversight framework, a 2% allocation to gold was initiated in late September in response to growing concerns regarding Fed independence, fiscal risks, political developments, and inflation. Given the potential impact of these factors on various fund positions, gold was added as a strategic hedge to help mitigate associated risks. This allocation was subsequently reduced by half in October and reinstated to full size in November. December was a volatile month for gold, but ultimately the yellow metal was up 2%.

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