

# CI HIGH INCOME FUND

## Q3-2024 Commentary



FUND	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR	S.I.
CI High Income Fund, Series F*	21.1%	6.0%	7.0%	5.7%	8.2%
Benchmark: 40% ICE BofAML U.S. High Yield Total Return Index, 20% MSCI World Core Infrastructure Total Return Index, 20% MSCI World Real Estate Total Return Index and 20% S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Total Return Index	23.7%	6.9%	6.3%	7.7%	N/A

\* Inception date: December 18, 2001. Formerly Signature High Income Fund, renamed effective July 29, 2021.

Source: CI Global Asset Management, as at September 30, 2024.

### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

- Over the third quarter of 2024, CI High Income Fund, Series F (the Fund) returned 8.5% compared with its blended benchmark (40% ICE BofAML US High Yield Total Return Index, 20% MSCI World Core Infrastructure Total Return Index, 20% MSCI World Real Estate Total Return Index and 20% S&P/TSX Composite High Dividend Total Return Index), which returned 10.1%.
- The Fund underperformed its benchmark during the period as a result of stock selection within the energy and utilities sectors and neutral performance from the Fund's investment-grade and high-yield fixed income holdings.

### CONTRIBUTORS TO PERFORMANCE

A holding in Ventas Inc. was a positive contributor to the Fund's performance as the U.S. seniors housing space continued to rebound with improved occupancies.

A position in First Capital REIT was another positive contributor to the Fund's performance based on improved leasing activity and increasing rents.

### DETRACTORS FROM PERFORMANCE

A holding of New Fortress Energy Inc. 8.75% Feb. 15, 2029 bonds detracted from the Fund's performance amid concerns over the company's liquidity, potential challenges in refinancing near-term maturities and delays in fast liquefied natural gas projects.

A holding in Hess Midstream L.P. also detracted from the Fund's performance because of weakness in crude oil and natural gas prices.

### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

We added new Fund holdings in preferred notes (7.2% Oct. 15, 2054) issued by AltaGas Ltd. and a term loan (Sept. 10, 2031) issued by Formula One.

Long-term holdings in Highland Therapeutics Inc. 10.0% Sept. 30, 2026 and Global Aircraft Leasing Co. Ltd. 6.5% Sept. 15, 2024 bonds were liquidated in connection with refinancing activities undertaken by the companies.

## **MARKET OVERVIEW**

The U.S. and Canadian economies continue to slow but neither appears headed for recession at this time. U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed) Chair Jerome Powell had a thin corridor to navigate in order to cut interest rates and be constructive for riskier assets. In our view, he largely succeeded with relatively calm markets in September. We continue to believe that monetary policy works with long and variable lags and that the Fed will need to feel its way through incoming economic data and the changed administrative leadership in the United States, given President Joe Biden's exit from the presidential race.

Fundamental and technical factors remain supportive as evidenced by resilient earnings and robust market performance. We also realize that challenges for riskier assets persist, with geopolitics, deglobalization and elevated information technology valuations being some of our chief concerns. This is a backdrop that rewards active management, and so we view the current investment environment as favourable.

Source: CI Global Asset Management



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