



Annual Management Report of Fund Performance | As at December 31, 2019

EMPIRE LIFE MUTUAL FUNDS[®]

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Management Discussion of Fund Performance

Investment objectives and strategies

Empire Life Emblem Balanced Portfolio (the "Fund") seeks to provide a balance of growth and income. The Fund invests primarily in a broadly diversified mix of Canadian fixed income securities and equities through a combination of strategic and tactical asset allocation and a value-oriented approach to security selection. The Fund's target asset mix is 50% fixed income securities and 50% equity investments. Tactical shifts in asset allocation may be made by the portfolio manager with the objective of adding incremental value and optimizing the Fund's risk-return profile.

Risk

For the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2019 (the "Period"), the overall level of risk of investing in the Fund remained the same. The Fund remains suitable for the investor who seeks long-term capital growth, has a low tolerance for risk and wishes to diversify their portfolio through fixed income and equity securities to potentially reduce volatility.

Results of operations

For the Period, Series A of the Fund returned 10.5%, net of fees. The net returns of other series of this Fund are provided under the section titled "Past Performance." The series have different returns due to the expenses charged to each series. The Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite TR Index, broadly representative of the Canadian equity market, returned 22.9% for the same Period. The Fund's mandate is to invest in a diversified target asset mix of equity securities (50%) and fixed-income securities and cash (50%). Fund returns are reported net of all management fees and expenses for all series, unlike the returns of the Fund's benchmark, which are based on the performance of an index that does not pay fees or incur expenses.

The Fund's blended benchmark returned 14.1% for the Period. The blended benchmark is composed of 50% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, 30% S&P/TSX Composite TR Index, 7.5% S&P 500 Index (CAD), 7.5% MSCI EAFE Index (CAD) and 5% S&P/TSX Small Cap Index. In the portfolio manager's view, this blended benchmark more closely reflects the market sectors in which the Fund invests, to provide a more useful comparison to the performance of the Fund.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark over the Period. Allocation to bonds, international equities (other than U.S. equities) and cash detracted from the Fund's performance as these generally underperformed the Canadian equity market. Canadian bonds were the largest weighting in the Fund and though Canadian bonds provided positive returns, they could not catch up to the strong start Canadian equities had early in the Period. Allocation to U.S. equities contributed to the Fund's performance as the U.S. equity market generally outperformed its Canadian counterpart. The Fund's cash allocation averaged almost 8%, which detracted from performance in the low interest rate environment.

The largest individual detractors from the Fund's performance held during the Period, vis a vis the benchmark, included DuPont de Nemours Inc. ("DuPont") and the Fund's lack of exposure to Shopify Inc. ("Shopify"). DuPont is a manufacturer of specialty chemicals for cars, consumer goods and electronics. Its stock price was negatively affected by increased market fears about global economic growth stemming from the U.S.-China trade dispute. In the portfolio manager's view, investor concerns about the potential litigation risk from certain DuPont products also decreased its stock price. Shopify's stock price rose almost 175% during the Period, and as it was not held in the Fund, this lack of exposure was a detractor from the Fund's relative performance. Shopify continued to report negative operating income throughout the Period, though, in the portfolio manager's view, its stock price remained expensive relative to its revenue and book value leading the portfolio manager to continue not holding Shopify stock in the Fund.

Top individual contributors to the Fund's performance included holdings in Cineplex Inc., Celgene Corp., Keyera Corp. and JELD-WEN Holdings Inc. ("JELD-WEN"). Cineplex Inc. owns and operates movie theatres in Canada. Its share price jumped about 40% late in the Period after it was announced the company would be acquired by U.K.-based Cineworld Group PLC, one of the largest cinema chain operators in the world. Celgene Corp.'s stock price rose dramatically after Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. announced its acquisition of the company at a premium. Keyera Corp.'s stock benefited from the announcement of a final investment decision on the Key Access Pipeline System in Alberta, which is a significant part of the company's longer-term growth plans. The company also provided favourable financial guidance for its marketing division because of depressed butane prices. JELD-WEN reported strong financial results in the first half of the year, much of it attributable to events that transpired prior to the Period. These events included the appointment of a new CEO and a restructuring of operations that led to regained market share in an important segment of its business. The stock was subsequently sold.

During the Period, both equity and fixed-income markets were volatile. Global equities started 2019 on a strong note, bouncing back from a volatile end to 2018 as the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") shifted its monetary policy tightening amid signs of a global growth slowdown and investors' concern that higher interest rates could trigger a recession.

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In May, however, a surprise breakdown in U.S.-China trade negotiations caused global stocks to retreat. In the face of an escalating trade war and concerns over economic weakness, the Fed cut interest rates three times and the European Central Bank cut interest rates once in the latter half of 2019.

From October until the end of the Period, investor sentiment improved from the flood of central bank liquidity, easing trade tensions and improving, or at least stabilizing, economic data. Global bond markets declined somewhat and global equities had a strong year-end rebound. For the Period, U.S. equities outperformed Canadian equities, which in turn, outperformed international equities. Bonds generally lagged behind equities.

The Fund was subject to three tactical asset allocation changes over the Period. The first came in April, when the portfolio manager redirected a portion of assets from international to U.S. equities. Up to that point in the year, equity markets had rebounded strongly from the last quarter of 2018. The portfolio manager took the opportunity to shift assets to equities that were believed to provide more of a balance between growth and defensive characteristics. Since that move until the end of the Period, U.S. equities significantly outperformed international equities.

The next tactical move was late in July, when the portfolio manager redeployed some of the Fund's cash position. Proceeds were largely directed to Canadian bonds in order to lessen the Fund's underweight bond allocation. At the time, markets were not pricing in any interest rate reductions by the Bank of Canada, but were pricing in interest rate cuts in the U.S. and Europe. Even though the interest rate move did not materialize by the end of the Period, the performance effect was neutral, as bonds performed generally in line with cash.

In late October, a portion of the Fund's Canadian small cap equities were redirected to U.S. and international equities, primarily to increase exposure to large cap stocks where a greater opportunity set exists with better risk management characteristics. Although early effects detracted from the Fund's performance, the portfolio manager's time horizon when making a tactical call is typically at least a year.

The Fund's asset mix at the end of the Period was 42% Canadian bonds, 29% Canadian equities, 14% U.S. equities, 9% international equities and 6% in cash and short-term investments.

Recent developments

The international emergence and spread of the novel coronavirus causing COVID 19 have negatively impacted global stock markets and we expect they may continue to do so for some time, affecting the valuation of the Fund's investment portfolio and consequently the net asset value of the Fund as a whole. In this environment, the portfolio manager has remained disciplined in its approach to investing, which focuses on high quality and attractively valued companies. The majority of equity securities held by the Fund share a number of attributes, including healthy balance sheets, attractive (and highly visible) growth prospects that are supported by a sustainable competitive advantage and structurally growing end markets, and high quality management teams. We believe these are the types of companies that will weather the downturn relatively better than other companies and will be better positioned to take advantage of an economic recovery. The portfolio manager continues to maintain a neutral duration in the diversified fixed income portfolio, primarily investing in investment grade corporate and government bonds. With yield spreads hitting historical levels, the portfolio manager sees potentially compelling opportunities and expects to invest in selected high yield corporate bonds with manageable interest and credit risk. This is the opinion of the portfolio manager as at the time of writing on March 24, 2020, and may not reflect more current market developments.

Independent Review Committee ("IRC")

Effective January 2, 2020, Leslie Wood was appointed as a member of the IRC and Catherine Butt's term of office expired.

Related party transactions

Empire Life Investments Inc. (the "Manager") is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. The Manager is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Empire Life Insurance Company.

The Manager provides or arranges for the provision of all the management and administrative services for the day-to-day operations of the Fund, including providing or arranging the provision of investment advice, record keeping and other administrative services, some of which are provided by an affiliate of the Manager. In consideration of the management and administrative services, the Fund pays the Manager a monthly management fee calculated as a percentage of daily net asset value of each series of the Fund, other than in the case of Series I, where fees are paid directly by the investor to the Manager. The rates for each series are disclosed under "Management fees".

During the Period, the Manager absorbed \$220,009 of total expenses otherwise payable by the Fund, as compared to \$233,501 for the year ended December 31, 2018. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined annually on a series by series basis at the discretion of the Manager and the Manager can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.

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Series description

The Fund offers the following series: A, T6, T8, F and I. Series A, T6 and T8 units are available to all investors. Series T6 and T8 are designed for investors seeking regular monthly cash flows from the Fund. Series F units are only available to investors who have a fee-based account with their dealer and whose dealer has signed an agreement with the Manager. Management fees are payable by the Funds on all series except for Series I. Series I units are available to institutional investors who meet a minimum investment threshold and who have entered into a Series I Agreement. The management fee for Series I units is negotiated between the Manager and the investor and is payable directly to the Manager by the investor.

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 for the past five years. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements for the period.

The Fund's net assets per unit⁽¹⁾

Series A Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 11.92	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.11	\$ 11.86
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.32
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.30)	(0.29)	(0.29)	(0.28)	(0.30)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.02	0.23	0.09	0.05
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.20	(0.98)	0.29	0.42	0.07
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	\$ 1.29	\$ (0.91)	\$ 0.55	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.14
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.02)	(0.01)	–	–	–
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.06)	(0.15)	(0.07)	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	\$ (0.03)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.07)	\$ –
Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown⁽⁴⁾	\$ 13.14	\$ 11.92	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.11

Series T6 Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 7.76	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.52	\$ 9.91
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.26
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.01	0.17	0.07	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.76	(0.67)	0.20	0.31	0.04
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	\$ 0.83	\$ (0.62)	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.41	\$ 0.09
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.02)	(0.02)	–	–	(0.01)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.06)	–
Return of capital	(0.47)	(0.54)	(0.56)	(0.57)	(0.60)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	\$ (0.50)	\$ (0.61)	\$ (0.66)	\$ (0.63)	\$ (0.61)
Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown⁽⁴⁾	\$ 8.07	\$ 7.76	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.52

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Series T8 Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.89	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.70	\$ 9.31
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.24
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.01	0.15	0.06	(0.04)
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.62	(0.57)	0.16	0.31	0.12
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	\$ 0.68	\$ (0.53)	\$ 0.34	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.10
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.02)	(0.01)	–	–	(0.06)
From dividends	(0.01)	(0.01)	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	(0.03)	(0.09)	(0.05)	–
Return of capital	(0.53)	(0.63)	(0.66)	(0.70)	(0.74)
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	\$ (0.56)	\$ (0.68)	\$ (0.75)	\$ (0.75)	\$ (0.80)
Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown⁽⁴⁾	\$ 6.80	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.89	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.70

Series F Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 11.84	\$ 12.84	\$ 12.44	\$ 11.98	\$ 11.70
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.36	0.34	0.32	0.31	0.32
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.16)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.04	0.24	0.08	0.02
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.21	(0.96)	0.24	0.41	0.08
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	\$ 1.46	\$ (0.72)	\$ 0.66	\$ 0.67	\$ 0.26
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.08)	(0.06)	(0.11)
From dividends	(0.07)	0.06	(0.06)	(0.04)	–
From capital gains	–	0.06	(0.15)	(0.07)	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	\$ (0.19)	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.29)	\$ (0.17)	\$ (0.11)
Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown⁽⁴⁾	\$ 13.04	\$ 11.84	\$ 12.84	\$ 12.44	\$ 11.98

Series I Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ 12.45	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.13	\$ 12.64	\$ 12.30
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.37	0.37	0.35	0.33	0.34
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.02	0.01	0.25	0.11	(0.03)
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.26	(1.06)	0.31	0.46	(0.02)
Total increase (decrease) from operations⁽²⁾	\$ 1.63	\$ (0.70)	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.88	\$ 0.27
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.20)
From dividends	(0.13)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.10)	–
From capital gains	–	(0.06)	(0.16)	(0.08)	–
Return of capital	–	–	–	–	–
Total annual distributions⁽³⁾	\$ (0.36)	\$ (0.41)	\$ (0.46)	\$ (0.33)	\$ (0.20)
Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown⁽⁴⁾	\$ 13.70	\$ 12.45	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.13	\$ 12.64

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Ratios and supplemental data

Series A Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Total Net Asset Value⁽⁵⁾	\$ 10,921,306	\$ 11,569,623	\$ 15,812,463	\$ 18,432,361	\$ 16,059,675
Number of units outstanding	831,393	970,415	1,221,804	1,469,590	1,325,737
Management expense ratio ⁽⁶⁾	2.25%	2.25%	2.26%	2.25%	2.25%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.75%	2.70%	2.49%	2.57%	2.73%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	45.19%	50.44%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$ 13.14	\$ 11.92	\$ 12.94	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.11

Series T6 Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Total Net Asset Value⁽⁵⁾	\$ 6,609,047	\$ 6,991,724	\$ 7,840,775	\$ 7,824,422	\$ 6,070,494
Number of units outstanding	818,678	900,675	871,349	843,881	637,884
Management expense ratio ⁽⁶⁾	2.25%	2.25%	2.26%	2.25%	2.24%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.95%	2.90%	2.67%	2.57%	2.61%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	45.19%	50.44%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$ 8.07	\$ 7.76	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.27	\$ 9.52

Series T8 Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Total Net Asset Value⁽⁵⁾	\$ 297,953	\$ 312,028	\$ 384,383	\$ 423,552	\$ 403,207
Number of units outstanding	43,840	46,786	48,691	51,020	46,333
Management expense ratio ⁽⁶⁾	2.25%	2.25%	2.26%	2.25%	2.24%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	10.18%	9.61%	7.79%	2.48%	2.69%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	45.19%	50.44%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$ 6.80	\$ 6.67	\$ 7.89	\$ 8.30	\$ 8.70

Series F Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Total Net Asset Value⁽⁵⁾	\$ 1,212,478	\$ 1,335,029	\$ 2,445,895	\$ 2,383,437	\$ 2,040,598
Number of units outstanding	93,000	112,757	190,452	191,530	170,354
Management expense ratio ⁽⁶⁾	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.88%	2.36%	1.88%	1.11%	1.25%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	45.19%	50.44%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$ 13.04	\$ 11.84	\$ 12.84	\$ 12.44	\$ 11.98

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Series I Units	For the year ended December 31, 2019	For the year ended December 31, 2018	For the year ended December 31, 2017	For the year ended December 31, 2016	For the year ended December 31, 2015
Total Net Asset Value⁽⁵⁾	\$ 225,063,119	\$ 199,809,354	\$ 196,637,234	\$ 137,977,364	\$ 76,841,249
Number of units outstanding	16,424,709	16,053,675	14,502,886	10,508,071	6,080,725
Management expense ratio ⁽⁶⁾	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.03%	0.04%	0.04%	0.16%	0.27%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁷⁾	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁸⁾	45.19%	50.44%	100.51%	138.74%	141.44%
Net Asset Value per unit	\$ 13.70	\$ 12.45	\$ 13.56	\$ 13.13	\$ 12.64

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

(2) 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.

(3) Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.

(4) This is not a reconciliation of the beginning and ending net assets per unit.

(5) This information is provided as of December 31 of the year shown.

(6) Management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(7) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(8) 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 period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in a period, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

Management fees

The management fee for Series A, T6, T8 and F units is an annualized rate calculated as a percentage of net assets of the applicable series of the Fund and accrued daily and paid monthly to the Manager. The management fee for Series I units is negotiated between the Manager and the investor and paid directly by the investor, not by the Fund.

The Fund's management fees are used by the Manager to pay for the costs of the overall business and affairs of the Fund including activities related to making units of the Fund available to investors, providing or arranging for the provision of investment advisory services and/or marketing services to the Fund. Management fees are also used to pay trailing commissions in connection with Series A, Series T6 and Series T8 to registered dealers.

	As percentage of management fees		
	Management fee rates	Dealer compensation	General administration, investment advice and profit
Series A	1.95%	45.66%	54.34%
Series T6	1.95%	30.02%	69.98%
Series T8	1.95%	50.26%	49.74%
Series F	0.80%	0.00%	100.00%

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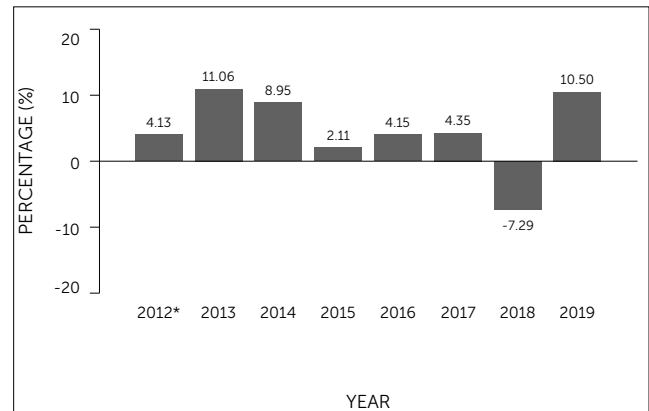
Past performance

The indicated rates of return assume reinvestment of all distributions in units of the Fund. They do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional sales charges that would have reduced returns or performance. The past performance of the Fund is not necessarily an indication of how it will perform in the future.

Year-by-year returns

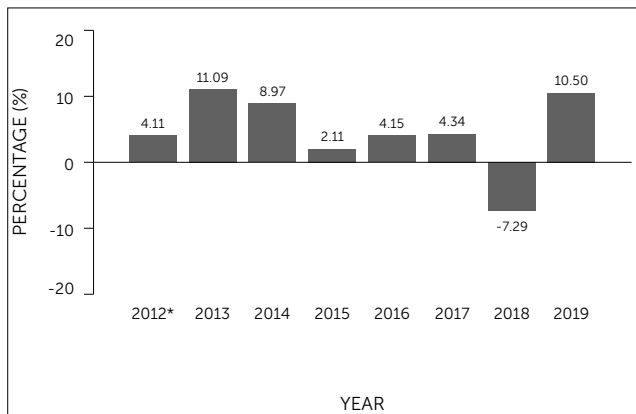
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each series of the Fund and illustrate how each series' performance has varied from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the end of the period. For the first year of a series, the percentage shown is the actual return of the series from its commencement of operations.

Series T8



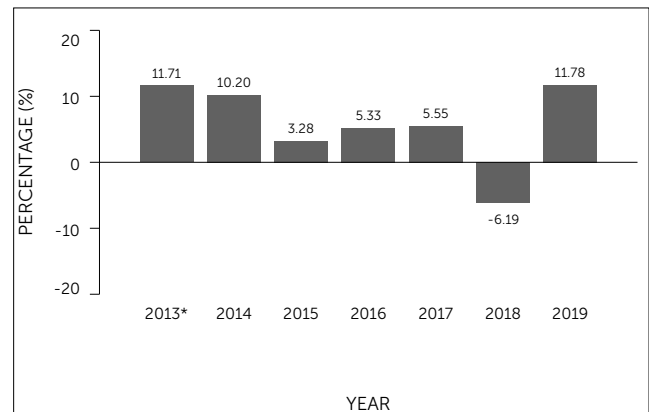
*From January 9, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (not annualized)

Series A



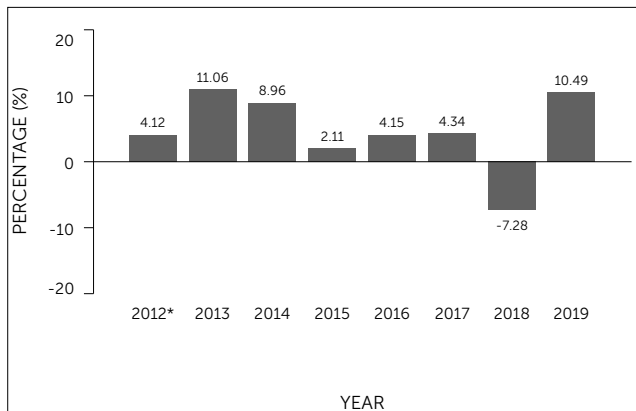
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Series F



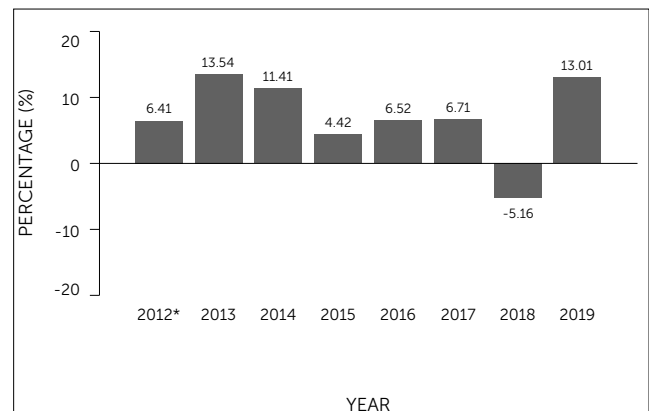
*From January 15, 2013 to December 31, 2013 (not annualized)

Series T6



*From January 9, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (not annualized)

Series I



*From January 9, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (not annualized)

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Annual compound returns

This table shows the Fund's historical annual compound returns for each series of the Fund for the periods indicated compared to a broad based index and a blended index, as described below.

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception*	Inception Date
Series A units ¹	10.5%	2.2%	2.6%	4.6%	January 9, 2012
Series I units ¹	13.0%	4.6%	4.9%	7.0%	January 9, 2012
Series T6 units ¹	10.5%	2.2%	2.6%	4.6%	January 9, 2012
Series T8 units ¹	10.5%	2.2%	2.6%	4.6%	January 9, 2012
Series F units ¹	11.8%	3.4%	3.8%	5.8%	January 15, 2013
S&P/TSX Composite TR Index ²	22.9%	6.9%	6.3%	7.7%	(8 year return)
Blended Benchmark ³	14.1%	5.6%	5.5%	6.5%	(8 year return)

(1) Net of all fees and expenses paid by the Fund.

(2) The S&P/TSX Composite TR Index is broadly representative of the Canadian equity market. The S&P/TSX Composite TR Index tracks the performance of some of the largest and most widely held stocks listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

(3) The blended benchmark is composed of 50% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, 30% S&P/TSX Composite TR Index, 7.5% S&P 500 Index (CAD), 7.5% MSCI EAFE Index (CAD) and 5% S&P/TSX Small Cap Index.

Summary of investment portfolio

The summary of investment portfolio may have changed since December 31, 2019, due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates are available within 60 days after quarter-end, except for December 31st, the Fund's fiscal year-end, when they are available within 90 days.

Top 25 Holdings	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Royal Bank of Canada 1.700% January 2, 2020*	2.2
Royal Bank of Canada	1.9
Brookfield Asset Management Inc. 'A'	1.7
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1.7
Government of Canada 2.250% June 1, 2029*	1.6
Canada Housing Trust 1.800% December 15, 2024*	1.2
Government of Canada 1.500% June 1, 2026*	1.2
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.2
Scotiabank Capital Trust 5.650% December 31, 2056*	1.1
Saputo Inc.	1.1
Canada Housing Trust 2.900% June 15, 2024*	1.0
Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.0
Province of Nova Scotia 4.500% June 1, 2037*	1.0
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	1.0
Toromont Industries Limited	0.9
Government of Canada 0.750% September 1, 2021*	0.9
Stella-Jones Inc.	0.9
Keyera Corporation	0.8
Cineplex Inc.	0.8
Ryder Truck Rental Canada Limited 2.033% January 6, 2020*	0.8
TransCanada PipeLines Limited 1.924% January 8, 2020*	0.8
Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia 1.865% January 22, 2020*	0.8
TransCanada PipeLines Limited 1.937% March 3, 2020*	0.8
Bank of Montreal	0.8
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc. 'B'	0.8
	28.0

* Debt Instruments

Portfolio by Category

Asset Type	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Equities	50.7
Bonds	42.1
Short-Term Investments	6.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.8
	100.0

Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canadian Corporate Bonds	18.4
Financials	12.6
Provincial Bonds	11.3
Government Bonds	10.1
Energy	6.5
Industrials	6.3
Consumer Staples	4.6
Information Technology	4.0
Communication Services	3.8
Commercial Papers	3.7
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	18.7
	100.0

Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canada	74.6
United States of America	14.4
United Kingdom	1.9
Japan	1.8
France	1.2
Switzerland	0.8
Australia	0.7
Germany	0.6
Ireland	0.5
Bermuda	0.3
Spain	0.3
Italy	0.3
Cayman Islands	0.3
Netherlands	0.2
Jersey	0.2
Sweden	0.2
India	0.2
Other	0.7
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.8
	100.0

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