



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

# EMPIRE LIFE MUTUAL FUNDS<sup>®</sup>

**Empire Life Monthly Income Mutual Fund**

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Investment objectives and strategies

Empire Life Monthly Income Mutual Fund (the "Fund") seeks to provide a consistent level of income. The Fund invests primarily in debt and income-generating Canadian equity securities through a value-oriented approach to security selection.

#### 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 growth and income, 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 11.1%, 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. 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 15.1% for the Period. The blended benchmark is composed of 55% S&P/TSX 60 Index and 45% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond 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 Canadian bonds was the largest detractor from the Fund's performance. Although overall Canadian bonds provided good positive returns, they could not catch up to the very strong start Canadian equities had early in the Period. Security selection in the energy and information technology sectors detracted from performance, as did the Fund's overweight allocation to the health care sector relative to the Fund's benchmark. Foreign equity exposure detracted from performance as the Canadian dollar appreciated against most major currencies. Some gold, precious metals mining and information technology companies trading at high valuations were among the best performers in the Canadian equity market. However, they did not meet the Fund's criteria for high-quality investments. An underexposure to these companies relative to the Fund's benchmark had an adverse impact on the Fund's relative performance.

An overweight exposure to U.S. equities contributed to the Fund's performance. Security selection in the communication services, utilities and health care sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Overweight allocations to utilities and real estate, interest-sensitive sectors, also contributed to the Fund's performance.

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. Both U.S. and Canadian equities were up about 17% or 18% by April. Despite a collapse in bond yields around the world, bonds lagged up to this point.

In May, however, a surprise breakdown in U.S.-China trade negotiations caused global stocks to retreat. As the year progressed, trade tensions increased which threatened global growth. In June, the Fed announced it would cut interest rates to sustain growth.

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.

Equity gains were broad based. The S&P 500 Index set 35 record closes in 2019 and ended the year with a gain (dividend included) of 31.5% in U.S. dollar terms (25.2% in Canadian dollars). Canadian equities, as represented by the S&P/TSX Composite TR Index, delivered 22.9% (dividend included) in 2019 and finished the year within striking distance of its all-time high.

Despite a number of swings in sentiment, the Bank of Canada ("BoC") kept interest rates at 1.75% as Canadian inflation reached its 2% target. The Canadian 10-year government bond yield moved in lock step with its U.S. counterparts. Canadian bond markets, benchmarked by FTSE Canada Universe Index, enjoyed a return of 6.9%. The corporate sector benefited from the fall of underlying government bond yields and the decline of credit spread. Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds, with the best performance coming from high-yield bonds.

The Fund's fixed-income securities maintained a neutral duration (sensitivity to interest rates), slightly shorter than the benchmark. The Fund's bond component is positioned with an overweight allocation to corporate bonds, but the portfolio manager became more defensive in this positioning. The fixed income portfolio has a 5% exposure in high-quality high-yield bonds, primarily through the U.S. market. The fixed income portfolio has a

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3% exposure to preferred shares, which provided diversification in managing interest rate and credit sensitivity. The Fund's bond component is conservatively structured with good liquidity. It is well positioned to capitalize on relative value and yield enchantment opportunities.

The Fund's equity portfolio held underweight exposures to the materials and financials sectors, and overweight allocations to interest-sensitive sectors such as utilities and real estate, reflecting a defensive tilt of the Fund. Within financials, the portfolio manager shifted some of the Fund's bank exposure from Canada to the U.S. as a heavily indebted Canadian consumer may weigh on lending growth and push loan losses up. The portfolio manager continued to diversify the Fund's equity portfolio by maximizing foreign equities exposure, primarily through the U.S. market. At the end of the Period, the Fund's asset mix was 41% in Canadian equities, 38% in Canadian bonds, 15% in U.S. equities, 2% in international equities and 4% 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 \$165,757 of total expenses otherwise payable by the Fund, as compared to \$173,310 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.

### 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 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.

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### The Fund's net assets per unit<sup>(1)</sup>

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
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	\$ 9.01	\$ 10.09	\$ 10.14	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.46
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.27	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.30
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.20)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.32)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.14	0.28	0.30	0.09
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.91	(0.77)	0.12	0.42	(0.17)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.01</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ 0.46</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>	<b>\$ (0.02)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.10)	(0.17)	(0.08)	–	(0.52)
From dividends	(0.11)	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.50)	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	(0.25)	(0.10)	(0.15)	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.46)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>	<b>\$ (0.50)</b>	<b>\$ (0.52)</b>
<b>Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.54</b>	<b>\$ 9.01</b>	<b>\$ 10.09</b>	<b>\$ 10.14</b>	<b>\$ 9.97</b>

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
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	\$ 8.13	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.28	\$ 9.98
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.24	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.28
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.31)	(0.23)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.12	0.27	0.31	0.08
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.81	(0.71)	0.06	0.38	(0.17)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.90</b>	<b>\$ (0.52)</b>	<b>\$ 0.39</b>	<b>\$ 0.64</b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	–	–	–	–	(0.07)
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	(0.05)
Return of capital	(0.49)	(0.55)	(0.56)	(0.56)	(0.60)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.49)</b>	<b>\$ (0.55)</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ (0.72)</b>
<b>Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 8.53</b>	<b>\$ 8.13</b>	<b>\$ 9.20</b>	<b>\$ 9.35</b>	<b>\$ 9.28</b>

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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
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	\$ 6.96	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.36	\$ 8.47	\$ 9.29
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.20	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.26
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.16)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.27)	(0.21)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.10	0.24	0.23	0.09
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.68	(0.59)	0.07	0.38	(0.15)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.75</b>	<b>\$ (0.44)</b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>	<b>\$ 0.57</b>	<b>\$ (0.01)</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	—	—	—	—	(0.05)
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	(0.05)
Return of capital	(0.56)	(0.64)	(0.67)	(0.68)	(0.74)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ (0.64)</b>	<b>\$ (0.67)</b>	<b>\$ (0.68)</b>	<b>\$ (0.84)</b>
<b>Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7.16</b>	<b>\$ 6.96</b>	<b>\$ 8.06</b>	<b>\$ 8.36</b>	<b>\$ 8.47</b>

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
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	\$ 9.58	\$ 10.62	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.68
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.29	0.30	0.29	0.29	0.30
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.24)	(0.14)
Realized gains (losses)	0.03	0.19	0.30	0.36	0.09
Unrealized gains (losses)	1.04	(0.76)	0.16	0.36	(0.19)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.25</b>	<b>\$ (0.39)</b>	<b>\$ 0.63</b>	<b>\$ 0.77</b>	<b>\$ 0.06</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.11)	(0.18)	(0.08)	—	(0.53)
From dividends	(0.11)	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.51)	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	(0.26)	(0.09)	(0.16)	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.48)</b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>
<b>Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.26</b>	<b>\$ 9.58</b>	<b>\$ 10.62</b>	<b>\$ 10.57</b>	<b>\$ 10.28</b>

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
<b>Net Assets, beginning of year</b>	\$ 10.56	\$ 11.57	\$ 11.38	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.31
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.32
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.19)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.04	0.16	0.32	0.48	0.03
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.99	(0.94)	0.24	0.42	(0.25)
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 1.34</b>	<b>\$ (0.47)</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 1.02</b>	<b>\$ 0.08</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.12)	(0.19)	(0.09)	—	(0.56)
From dividends	(0.12)	(0.28)	(0.31)	(0.55)	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	(0.07)
Return of capital	(0.29)	(0.11)	(0.18)	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>	<b>\$ (0.58)</b>	<b>\$ (0.58)</b>	<b>\$ (0.55)</b>	<b>\$ (0.63)</b>
<b>Net Assets, as at December 31 of year shown<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 11.43</b>	<b>\$ 10.56</b>	<b>\$ 11.57</b>	<b>\$ 11.38</b>	<b>\$ 10.95</b>

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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
<b>Total Net Asset Value<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$ 7,719,293	\$ 8,418,427	\$ 10,100,541	\$ 9,951,568	\$ 10,435,039
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	808,837	934,474	1,001,131	981,305	1,046,915
Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	2.09%	2.10%	2.11%	2.11%	2.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.68%	2.78%	2.54%	2.70%	2.72%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	57.26%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 9.54</b>	<b>\$ 9.01</b>	<b>\$ 10.09</b>	<b>\$ 10.14</b>	<b>\$ 9.97</b>

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
<b>Total Net Asset Value<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$ 910,259	\$ 1,070,305	\$ 1,309,964	\$ 1,429,693	\$ 1,283,867
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	106,735	131,649	142,335	152,951	138,318
Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	2.10%	2.10%	2.11%	2.11%	2.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	4.46%	4.52%	3.77%	2.43%	2.47%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	57.26%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 8.53</b>	<b>\$ 8.13</b>	<b>\$ 9.20</b>	<b>\$ 9.35</b>	<b>\$ 9.28</b>

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
<b>Total Net Asset Value<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$ 133,716	\$ 118,728	\$ 189,530	\$ 172,872	\$ 201,739
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	18,679	17,055	23,529	20,689	23,812
Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	2.10%	2.10%	2.11%	2.11%	2.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	21.08%	18.86%	15.04%	3.04%	2.82%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	57.26%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 7.16</b>	<b>\$ 6.96</b>	<b>\$ 8.06</b>	<b>\$ 8.36</b>	<b>\$ 8.47</b>

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
<b>Total Net Asset Value<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$ 1,078,096	\$ 1,403,909	\$ 2,929,240	\$ 2,919,346	\$ 2,805,661
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	105,098	146,483	275,735	276,218	272,857
Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	1.09%	1.10%	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	3.89%	2.02%	1.93%	1.41%	1.41%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(8)</sup>	57.26%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 10.26</b>	<b>\$ 9.58</b>	<b>\$ 10.62</b>	<b>\$ 10.57</b>	<b>\$ 10.28</b>

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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
<b>Total Net Asset Value<sup>(5)</sup></b>	\$ 22,813,702	\$ 16,097,165	\$ 14,517,028	\$ 6,244,602	\$ 3,162,005
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	1,996,757	1,524,948	1,255,069	548,799	288,831
Management expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.17%	0.21%	0.32%	0.20%	0.33%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(7)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%
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(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	1.80%	40.56%	59.44%
Series T6	1.80%	35.21%	64.79%
Series T8	1.80%	28.43%	71.57%
Series F	0.80%	0.00%	100.00%



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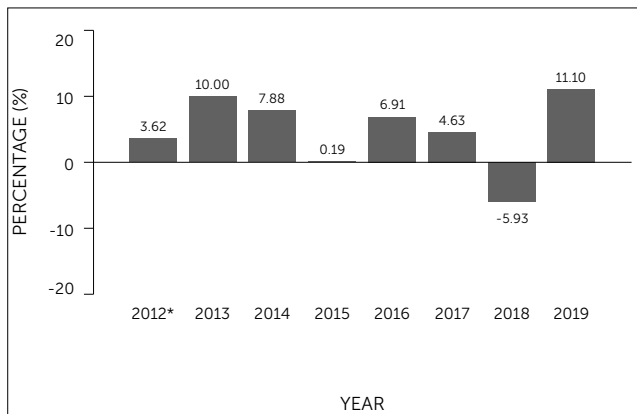
### Past performance

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

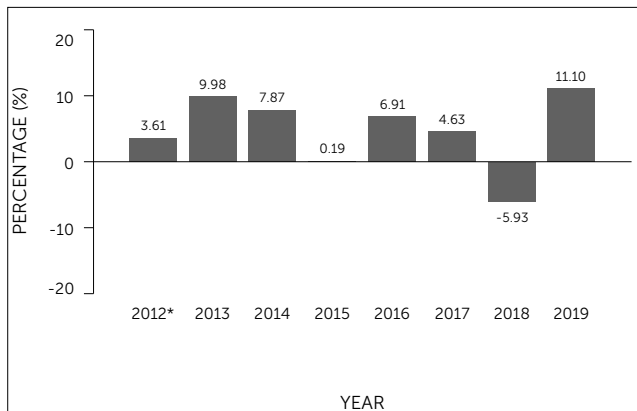
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each series of the Fund and illustrate how each series' performance has varied from year to year. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased by the 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 A**



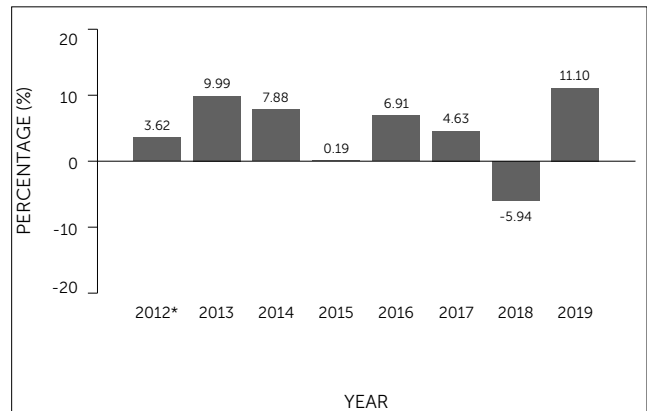
\*From January 9, 2012 to December 31, 2012 (not annualized)

**Series T6**



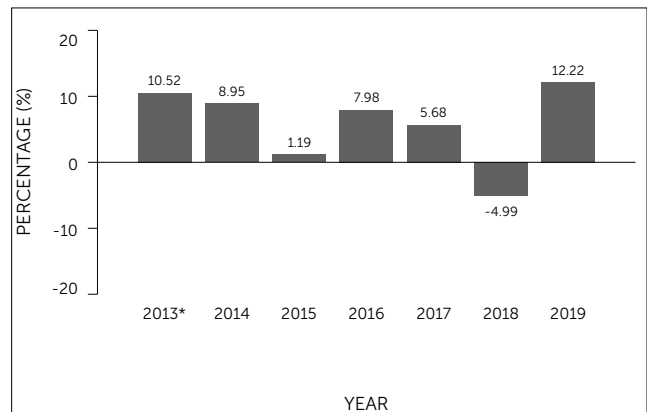
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**Series T8**



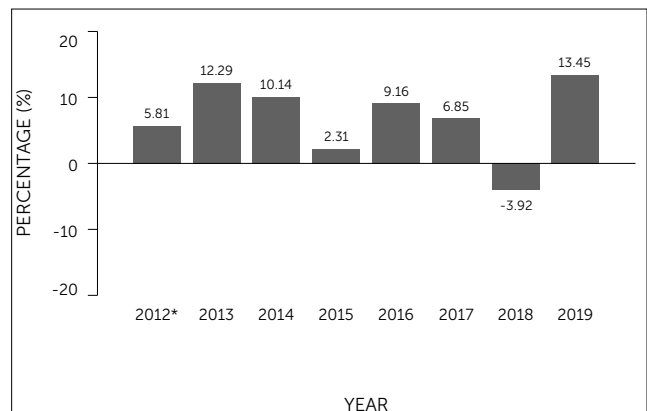
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**Series F**



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

**Series I**



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

# Empire Life Monthly Income Mutual Fund

## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

### 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 <sup>1</sup>	11.1%	3.0%	3.2%	4.7%	January 9, 2012
Series I units <sup>1</sup>	13.5%	5.2%	5.4%	6.9%	January 9, 2012
Series T6 units <sup>1</sup>	11.1%	3.0%	3.2%	4.7%	January 9, 2012
Series T8 units <sup>1</sup>	11.1%	3.0%	3.2%	4.7%	January 9, 2012
Series F units <sup>1</sup>	12.2%	4.1%	4.2%	5.8%	January 15, 2013
S&P/TSX Composite TR Index <sup>2</sup>	22.9%	6.9%	6.3%	7.7%	(8 year return)
Blended Benchmark <sup>3</sup>	15.1%	5.8%	5.2%	6.2%	(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 index is composed of 55% S&P/TSX 60 Index and 45% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond 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*	4.1
Royal Bank of Canada	3.5
Toronto-Dominion Bank	3.0
Brookfield Asset Management Inc. 'A'	2.5
Government of Canada 2.500% June 1, 2024*	1.9
Government of Canada 2.250% June 1, 2029*	1.8
Onex Corporation Voting Shares	1.7
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	1.4
Innergex Renewable Energy Inc.	1.4
Cineplex Inc.	1.4
WSP Global Inc.	1.3
Cominar Real Estate Investment Trust	1.2
Canadian Pacific Railway Limited	1.1
Element Fleet Management Corporation	1.1
Raytheon Company	1.1
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.1
SNC-Lavalin Group Inc.	1.1
Johnson & Johnson	1.1
Costco Wholesale Corporation	1.0
MasterCard Inc. 'A'	1.0
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	1.0
Minto Apartment Real Estate Investment Trust	1.0
Granite Real Estate Investment Trust	1.0
Cenovus Energy Inc.	1.0
Scotiabank Capital Trust 5.650% December 31, 2056*	1.0
	<b>38.8</b>

\* Debt instruments

### Portfolio by Category

Asset Type	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Equities	58.4
Bonds	37.2
Short-Term Investments	4.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(0.1)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.4
	<b>100.0</b>

Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canadian Corporate Bonds	17.2
Financials	16.7
Energy	9.6
Government Bonds	9.1
Provincial Bonds	8.8
Industrials	6.7
Consumer Staples	4.1
Term Deposit Receipts	4.1
Communication Services	4.0
Real Estate	3.8
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	15.9
	<b>100.0</b>

Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canada	80.8
United States of America	16.5
United Kingdom	0.9
China	0.7
Cayman Islands	0.5
Australia	0.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(0.1)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.4
	<b>100.0</b>

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