



Interim Management Report of Fund Performance | As at June 30, 2019

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

**Empire Life Monthly Income Mutual Fund**

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### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Results of operations

For the six-month period ending June 30, 2019 (the "Period"), Empire Life Monthly Income Mutual Fund (the "Fund"), Series A, returned 7.5% 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 16.2% 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 11.7% for the Period. The blended benchmark is composed of 55% S&P/TSX 60 Index and 45% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index. In the portfolio manager's view, this comparison 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 detracted from the Fund's performance. The largest detractor from the Fund's equity performance was security selection in the Information Technology and Industrials sectors. An overweight allocation to the Communication Services sector also detracted from performance. International equity exposure detracted from performance as the Canadian dollar appreciated against most major currencies.

Stock selection in the Consumer Discretionary and Utilities sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Overweight allocations to Health Care and Consumer Staples relative to the Fund's benchmark contributed to performance, as did an underweight exposure to Financials. The portfolio manager's tactical short-term duration (sensitivity to interest rates) trade added value to the fixed-income portfolio when bond yields backed up in April.

During the Period, global bond yields declined swiftly. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (the "Fed") shifted its policy stance, pausing plans for more interest rate increases after December's market volatility. Bond yields declined as a result of falling inflation expectations, the U.S.-China trade dispute and a deteriorating growth outlook, particularly in Europe and China.

Both the Fed and European Central Bank indicated their readiness to cut interest rates, resulting in a rebound in government bonds. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield fell below 2% for the first time since 2016. In Germany and France, 10-year bond yields fell into negative territory at record lows. While other major central banks signaled potentially lower interest rates, the Bank of Canada was expected to hold Canadian interest rates steady. This contributed to a rise in the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar and other international currencies. Canadian 10-year government bond yields declined from 1.96% to 1.46% over the Period.

Canadian equities outperformed U.S. and international equities. Much of the Canadian equity performance came in January, backed by strength in the Energy sector. A recovery in Canadian crude oil prices stemmed from oil production curtailments mandated by the Alberta provincial government. Canadian value-style stocks (those with lower price-to-book ratios, lower price-to-earnings ratios and higher dividend yields) generally underperformed the overall Canadian equity market.

The Fund's fixed-income securities maintained a neutral duration (sensitivity to interest rates), which was slightly shorter than the benchmark. The Fund is positioned with an overweight allocation to corporate bonds, much of which is in high-quality investment grade issuers. The Fund's high-yield bonds exposure is largely from U.S. companies with relatively high credit quality, and the impact of currency movements has been fully hedged. As credit spreads declined below historical averages during the Period, the portfolio manager became progressively defensive in the Fund's corporate bond holdings.

The equity portfolio holds underweight exposures to the Materials and Financials sectors, and overweight allocations to interest-sensitive sectors such as Utilities and Real Estate, reflecting the defensive focus of the Fund. Within Financials, the Fund has an underweight exposure to Canadian banks as a heavily indebted Canadian consumer may weigh on lending growth and push loan losses up. Within Energy equity holdings, the Fund's exposure is focused on large-capitalization integrated producers and midstream companies, including pipelines and crude wholesale marketing companies. The Energy portfolio is expected to be further diversified as the portfolio manager seeks opportunities to shift some Canadian exposure to the U.S. The Fund's cash position is slightly higher than usual as a result of the rapid rise in equity markets. At the end of the Period, the Fund's asset mix was 38% in bonds, 38% in Canadian equities, 12% in U.S. equities, 4% in international equities and 8% in cash and short-term investments.

#### Recent developments

As higher tariffs and increased trade tensions have increased the cost of doing business, the risk of a softening global economy has increased, and driven interest rates lower. The portfolio manager expects moderate growth and more cautious central banks, which should support fixed-income holdings. The portfolio manager expects interest rates to remain low over the longer term. The greatest long-term risks to bond prices are the risks

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of inflation and higher interest rates. Inflation expectations are low, and there may be a repricing in inflation expectations, which could cause a return of volatility to fixed-income assets.

The portfolio manager maintains a positive outlook for Canadian equities over the medium-to-long term. Over the shorter term, however, the portfolio manager is more cautious. Accordingly, the portfolio manager expects to position the Fund with an elevated cash level and an increased exposure to stocks whose businesses are believed to be more stable. Global economic growth is believed to be challenged by the continuing trade dispute between the U.S. and China. Additionally, the length of the current general rise in stock markets (since 2009) has been among the longest on record, which correlates to overall stock valuations that are believed to be somewhat expensive. This, in the portfolio manager's view, incrementally increases the risk of a near-term general correction in stock markets.

### Independent Review Committee ("IRC")

One of the IRC members is retiring effective December 31, 2019. Recruitment for a replacement is underway.

### 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 \$87,203 of total expenses otherwise payable by the Fund, as compared to \$80,151 for the six month period ended June 30, 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 Period and each of the other periods as shown below. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim and 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 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 9.01	\$ 10.09	\$ 10.14	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.46	\$ 10.18
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.14	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.30	0.31
Total expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.10)	(0.21)	(0.22)	(0.32)	(0.24)	(0.24)
Realized gains (losses)	0.04	0.14	0.28	0.30	0.09	0.18
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.61	(0.77)	0.12	0.42	(0.17)	0.39
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.69</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ 0.46</b>	<b>\$ 0.68</b>	<b>\$ (0.02)</b>	<b>\$ 0.64</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.08)	(0.17)	(0.08)	–	(0.52)	(0.51)
From dividends	(0.11)	(0.24)	(0.28)	(0.50)	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	–	–
Return of capital	(0.04)	(0.10)	(0.15)	–	–	–
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.23)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>	<b>\$ (0.50)</b>	<b>\$ (0.52)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9.46</b>	<b>\$ 9.01</b>	<b>\$ 10.09</b>	<b>\$ 10.14</b>	<b>\$ 9.97</b>	<b>\$ 10.46</b>

Series T6 Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 8.13	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.28	\$ 9.98	\$ 9.92
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.12	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.28	0.30
Total expenses	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.20)	(0.31)	(0.23)	(0.23)
Realized gains (losses)	0.04	0.12	0.27	0.31	0.08	0.18
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.54	(0.71)	0.06	0.38	(0.17)	0.41
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.61</b>	<b>\$ (0.52)</b>	<b>\$ 0.39</b>	<b>\$ 0.64</b>	<b>\$ (0.04)</b>	<b>\$ 0.66</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	–	–	–	–	(0.07)	(0.03)
From dividends	–	–	–	–	–	–
From capital gains	–	–	–	–	(0.05)	(0.08)
Return of capital	(0.24)	(0.55)	(0.56)	(0.56)	(0.60)	(0.59)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.24)</b>	<b>\$ (0.55)</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ (0.56)</b>	<b>\$ (0.72)</b>	<b>\$ (0.70)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 8.49</b>	<b>\$ 8.13</b>	<b>\$ 9.20</b>	<b>\$ 9.35</b>	<b>\$ 9.28</b>	<b>\$ 9.98</b>

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Series T8 Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 6.96	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.36	\$ 8.47	\$ 9.29	\$ 9.42
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.11	0.22	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.28
Total expenses	(0.08)	(0.17)	(0.18)	(0.27)	(0.21)	(0.22)
Realized gains (losses)	0.04	0.10	0.24	0.23	0.09	0.14
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.45	(0.59)	0.07	0.38	(0.15)	0.31
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.52</b>	<b>\$ (0.44)</b>	<b>\$ 0.36</b>	<b>\$ 0.57</b>	<b>\$ (0.01)</b>	<b>\$ 0.51</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	—	—	—	—	(0.05)	(0.03)
From dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	(0.05)	(0.07)
Return of capital	(0.28)	(0.64)	(0.67)	(0.68)	(0.74)	(0.75)
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.28)</b>	<b>\$ (0.64)</b>	<b>\$ (0.67)</b>	<b>\$ (0.68)</b>	<b>\$ (0.84)</b>	<b>\$ (0.85)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 7.20</b>	<b>\$ 6.96</b>	<b>\$ 8.06</b>	<b>\$ 8.36</b>	<b>\$ 8.47</b>	<b>\$ 9.29</b>

Series F Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 9.58	\$ 10.62	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.68	\$ 10.29
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.15	0.30	0.29	0.29	0.30	0.32
Total expenses	(0.05)	(0.12)	(0.12)	(0.24)	(0.14)	(0.13)
Realized gains (losses)	0.05	0.19	0.30	0.36	0.09	0.17
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.67	(0.76)	0.16	0.36	(0.19)	0.18
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.82</b>	<b>\$ (0.39)</b>	<b>\$ 0.63</b>	<b>\$ 0.77</b>	<b>\$ 0.06</b>	<b>\$ 0.54</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	(0.08)	(0.18)	(0.08)	—	(0.53)	(0.51)
From dividends	(0.12)	(0.26)	(0.29)	(0.51)	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	(0.04)	(0.09)	(0.16)	—	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.24)</b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>	<b>\$ (0.53)</b>	<b>\$ (0.51)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10.11</b>	<b>\$ 9.58</b>	<b>\$ 10.62</b>	<b>\$ 10.57</b>	<b>\$ 10.28</b>	<b>\$ 10.68</b>

Series I Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Net Assets, beginning of period</b>	\$ 10.56	\$ 11.57	\$ 11.38	\$ 10.95	\$ 11.31	\$ 10.78
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>						
Total revenue	0.16	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.33
Total expenses	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.02)	(0.19)	(0.02)	(0.02)
Realized gains (losses)	0.06	0.16	0.32	0.48	0.03	0.23
Unrealized gains (losses)	0.67	(0.94)	0.24	0.42	(0.25)	0.53
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.88</b>	<b>\$ (0.47)</b>	<b>\$ 0.86</b>	<b>\$ 1.02</b>	<b>\$ 0.08</b>	<b>\$ 1.07</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>						
From income	(0.09)	(0.19)	(0.09)	—	(0.56)	(0.54)
From dividends	(0.13)	(0.28)	(0.31)	(0.55)	—	—
From capital gains	—	—	—	—	(0.07)	—
Return of capital	(0.05)	(0.11)	(0.18)	—	—	—
<b>Total annual distributions<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$ (0.27)</b>	<b>\$ (0.58)</b>	<b>\$ (0.58)</b>	<b>\$ (0.55)</b>	<b>\$ (0.63)</b>	<b>\$ (0.54)</b>
<b>Net Assets, end of period<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$ 11.20</b>	<b>\$ 10.56</b>	<b>\$ 11.57</b>	<b>\$ 11.38</b>	<b>\$ 10.95</b>	<b>\$ 11.31</b>

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### Ratios and supplemental data

	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Series A Units</b>						
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 8,278,884	\$ 8,418,427	\$ 10,100,541	\$ 9,951,568	\$ 10,435,039	\$ 9,627,621
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	875,250	934,474	1,001,131	981,305	1,046,915	920,200
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.09%	2.10%	2.11%	2.11%	2.10%	2.09%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.82%	2.78%	2.54%	2.70%	2.72%	3.91%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	31.97%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%	126.95%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.01	\$ 10.09	\$ 10.14	\$ 9.97	\$ 10.46

	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Series T6 Units</b>						
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 1,110,954	\$ 1,070,305	\$ 1,309,964	\$ 1,429,693	\$ 1,283,867	\$ 1,028,846
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	130,779	131,649	142,335	152,951	138,318	103,120
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.10%	2.10%	2.11%	2.11%	2.10%	2.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	4.44%	4.52%	3.77%	2.43%	2.47%	3.02%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	31.97%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%	126.95%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	\$ 8.49	\$ 8.13	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.35	\$ 9.28	\$ 9.98

	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Series T8 Units</b>						
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 125,672	\$ 118,728	\$ 189,530	\$ 172,872	\$ 201,739	\$ 187,153
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	17,446	17,055	23,529	20,689	23,812	20,154
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	2.10%	2.10%	2.11%	2.11%	2.10%	2.09%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	20.94%	18.86%	15.04%	3.04%	2.82%	4.00%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	31.97%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%	126.95%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	\$ 7.20	\$ 6.96	\$ 8.06	\$ 8.36	\$ 8.47	\$ 9.29

	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Series F Units</b>						
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 1,178,485	\$ 1,403,909	\$ 2,929,240	\$ 2,919,346	\$ 2,805,661	\$ 2,439,105
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	116,530	146,483	275,735	276,218	272,857	228,317
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	1.09%	1.10%	1.11%	1.10%	1.10%	1.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.84%	2.02%	1.93%	1.41%	1.41%	1.63%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	31.97%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%	126.95%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	\$ 10.11	\$ 9.58	\$ 10.62	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.28	\$ 10.68

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Series I Units	For the 6 months ended June 30, 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	For the year ended December 31, 2014
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	\$ 20,226,394	\$ 16,097,165	\$ 14,517,028	\$ 6,244,602	\$ 3,162,005	\$ 1,287,137
<b>Number of units outstanding</b>	1,806,010	1,524,948	1,255,069	548,799	288,831	113,772
Management expense ratio <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.18%	0.21%	0.32%	0.20%	0.33%	1.21%
Trading expense ratio <sup>(6)</sup>	0.08%	0.11%	0.13%	0.15%	0.15%	0.14%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>(7)</sup>	31.97%	65.79%	91.30%	154.70%	146.51%	126.95%
<b>Net Asset Value per unit</b>	<b>\$ 11.20</b>	<b>\$ 10.56</b>	<b>\$ 11.57</b>	<b>\$ 11.38</b>	<b>\$ 10.95</b>	<b>\$ 11.31</b>

(1) This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim and 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) Management expense ratio (MER) is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the period and is expensed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

(6) 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.

(7) 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 a percentage of management fees		
	Management fee rates	Dealer compensation	General administration, investment advice and profit
Series A	1.80%	40.64%	59.36%
Series T6	1.80%	35.54%	64.46%
Series T8	1.80%	27.99%	72.01%
Series F	0.80%	0.00%	100.00%



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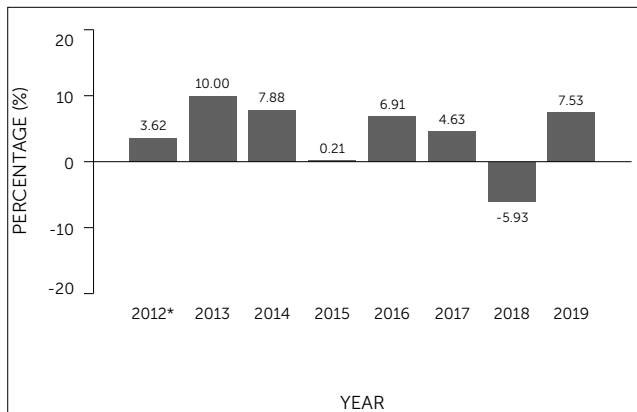
### Past performance

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

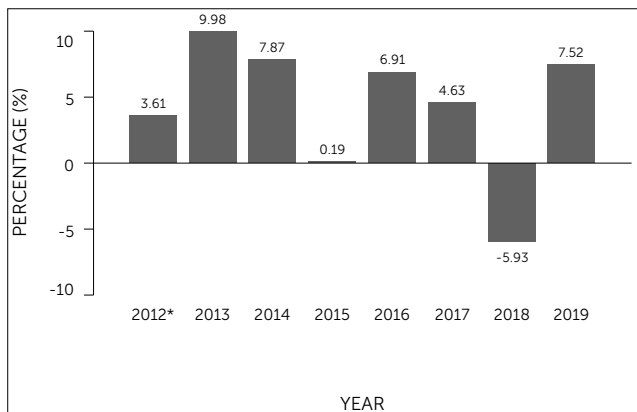
The following bar charts show the annual performance for each series of the Fund for each of the years ended December 31, and includes the performance for last the six months ended June 30, 2019. The charts illustrate how each series' performance has varied from year to year and show, in percentage terms, 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**



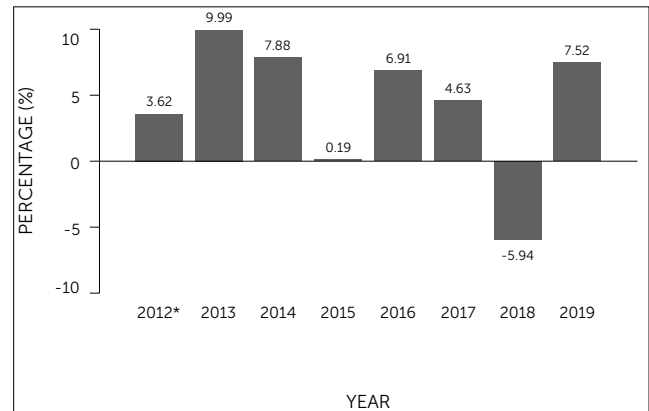
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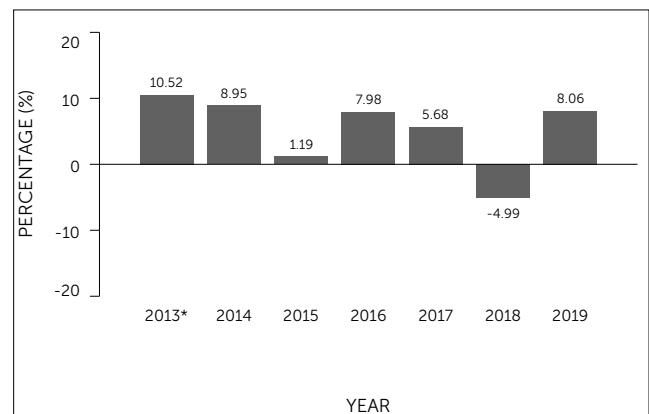
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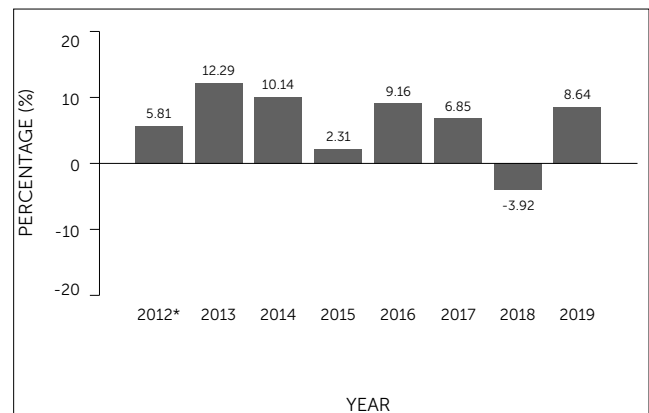
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**Series F**



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

**Series I**



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# Empire Life Monthly Income Mutual Fund

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

### Summary of investment portfolio

The summary of investment portfolio may have changed since June 30, 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% July 2, 2019*	5.8
Royal Bank of Canada	3.4
Toronto-Dominion Bank	3.0
Canadian Pacific Railway Limited	1.9
Brookfield Asset Management Inc. 'A'	1.7
Canada Housing Trust 1.250% December 15, 2020*	1.7
ERAC Canada Finance Company 1.999% September 5, 2019*	1.6
Onex Corporation	1.4
Johnson & Johnson	1.3
Duke Realty Corporation	1.2
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	1.1
Pembina Pipeline Corporation	1.1
BCE Inc.	1.1
TC Energy Corporation	1.0
Government of Canada 2.000% June 1, 2028*	1.0
Royal Dutch Shell PLC	1.0
CME Group Inc.	1.0
Province of Nova Scotia 4.500% June 1, 2037*	0.9
WSP Global Inc.	0.9
Union Gas Limited 3.800% June 1, 2046*	0.9
Scotiabank Capital Trust 5.650% December 31, 2056*	0.9
Costco Wholesale Corporation	0.9
Cineplex Inc.	0.9
Loblaw Companies Limited	0.9
MasterCard Inc. 'A'	0.9
	<b>37.5</b>

\* Debt instruments

### Portfolio by Category

Asset Type	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Equities	54.2
Bonds	37.7
Short-Term Investments	7.4
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.6
	<b>100.0</b>

Sector	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canadian Corporate Bonds	19.1
Financials	15.7
Energy	9.9
Provincial Bonds	9.4
Government Bonds	7.0
Term Deposit Receipts	5.8
Industrials	5.4
Consumer Staples	3.9
Communication Services	3.6
Real Estate	2.8
Utilities	2.8
Information Technology	2.7
Other	11.9
	<b>100.0</b>

Country	Percentage of Net Asset Value (%)
Canada	80.9
United States of America	14.0
United Kingdom	2.1
Japan	1.1
China	0.5
Cayman Islands	0.4
Australia	0.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.1
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.6
	<b>100.0</b>

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