

## Factsheet

As at December 31, 2023

# Public Market Income Core+

### Investment objectives

The objective of the Optimum Public Market Income Core+ Strategy is to obtain a high level of income over a medium-term horizon. In terms of performance, the objective is to generate an average annual return of **4,00%** over 4-year moving periods (before management fees).

The Strategy is based on an overweight of superior-quality liquid credit (corporate, provincial and municipal) and allows a short duration synthesized due to asset allocation.

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|-------------------------|--|
| Inception date          | December 2016  |
| Vehicles offered        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Segregated securities</li> <li>• Mutual funds</li> </ul>                          |
| Assets under management | \$47.98M   |
| Benchmark               | FTSE Canada Universe   |
| Income distribution     | Quarterly  |
| Optimum fund code       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Series O: OPI910</b></li> <li>• <b>Series F: OPI910F (Fundserv)</b></li> </ul> |
| Auditor                 | Ernst & Young  |
| Depository              | RBC Investor Services  |

### Why invest?

- Limited duration risk combined with increased income (exposure to the credit market)
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process that integrates ESG factors
- Stable management team with strong expertise in corporate security selection

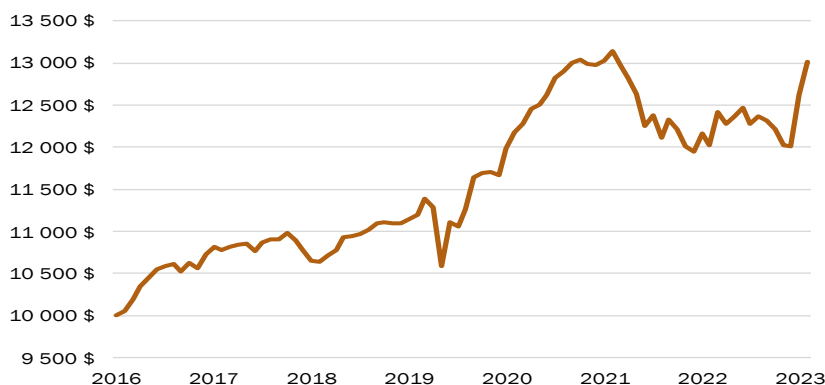
### Risk rating



Optimum Asset Management considers the volatility of the Public Market Income Core+ Strategy to be low to medium.

This level is based on the variation in returns from one year to the next. It does not indicate future volatility and may change over time. A low level of risk may see its value decrease.

### Growth of \$10,000 since December 31, 2016



- **Best quarter**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023: 8.32%

- **Worst quarter**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020: -5.52%



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### Performance

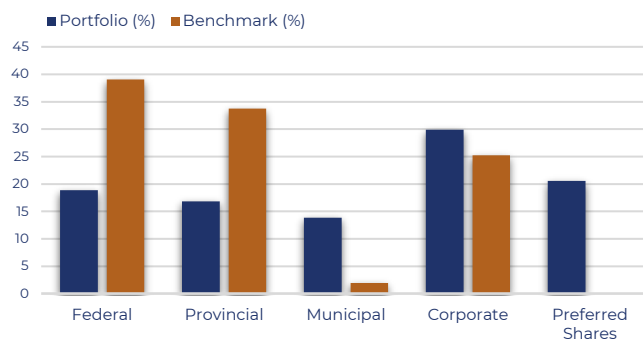
| Annualized returns (%) | 1 year | 2 years | 3 years | 4 years | 5 years | 10 years | Since inception† |
|------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|------------------|
| Portfolio              | 8.24   | -0.47   | 2.26    | 3.83    | 4.13    | n.a.     | 3.80             |
| FTSE Canada Universe   | 6.69   | -2.93   | -2.80   | -0.05   | 1.30    | n.a.     | 1.47             |
| Value added            | 1.55   | 2.46    | 5.06    | 3.88    | 2.83    | n.a.     | 2.32             |

| Per period (%)       | 3 months | YTD  | 2022   | 2021  | 2020 | 2019  | 2018  |
|----------------------|----------|------|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Portfolio            | 8.32     | 8.24 | -8.48  | 7.94  | 8.69 | 5.34  | -1.29 |
| FTSE Canada Universe | 8.27     | 6.69 | -11.69 | -2.54 | 8.68 | 6.87  | 1.41  |
| Value added          | 0.05     | 1.55 | 3.20   | 10.48 | 0.01 | -1.54 | -2.70 |

† Inception date: December 2016. The Optimum Public Market Income Core+ Strategy performance is shown in Canadian dollars, before management fees and is annualized for all periods over one year. This information is presented for information purposes only. Please read the legal notices at the end of this document.

### Sector allocation\*



\* Data for the Optimum Public Market Income Core+ Fund.

### Top 10 holdings\*

|  | %    |
|--|------|
| CANADA GOVT 3.25 – 2033                    | 5.12 |
| CANADA GOVT 1.75 – 2053                    | 3.25 |
| CANADA GOVT 2.75 – 2033                    | 2.69 |
| TRANSCANADA PIPELINE 5.28 – 2030           | 2.60 |
| NATIONAL BANK OF CANADA 5.02 – 2029        | 2.22 |
| PEMBINA PIPELINE CORP 4.24 – 2027          | 2.21 |
| CANADA GOVT 3.75 – 2025                    | 2.11 |
| PROV OF QUÉBEC 5.00 – 2041                 | 1.80 |
| CANADIAN IMP. BANK OF COMMERCE 4.20 – 2027 | 1.74 |
| PROV OF ONTARIO 4.05 – 2032                | 1.74 |

### Risk-return analysis\*\*

|   | 5 years | Since inception |
|---|---------|-----------------|
| Information ratio                             | 0.64    | 0.65            |
| Sharpe ratio                                  | 0.67    | 0.71            |
| Batting average (monthly)                     | 58%     | 59%             |
| Positive monthly value added (period average) | 104 bps | 91 bps          |
| Negative monthly value added (period average) | -91 bps | -83 bps         |

\*\* Data for the Optimum Public Market Income Core+ Strategy.

### Characteristics\*\*

|                           | Portfolio | Benchmark |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Average coupon            | 3.96%     | 3.23%     |
| Market yield              | 4.95%     | 3.94%     |
| Modified duration (years) | 5.54      | 7.33      |
| Average credit rating     | AA        | AA        |
| ESG performance**         | 7.22      | 7.03      |

\*\* Measured by Groupe investissement responsable inc.



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Our creativity and market knowledge allow us to develop diversified strategies based on reliable quantitative and fundamental research, as well as modern technologies. Our portfolio management services are founded on extensive experience that guarantees consistent quality. Our value approach enables us to offer sophisticated investment strategies with a focus on capital preservation and risk management.

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