

## Factsheet

As at March 31, 2024

# Universe Bond Heritage ESG

### Investment objectives

The objective of the Optimum Universe Bond Heritage ESG Strategy is to obtain income and capital security over a medium- to long-term horizon and generate an average annual return of **0.50% above** the benchmark over 4-year moving periods (before management fees).

The Strategy places particular emphasis on responsible investing and seeks to outperform the benchmark in terms of ESG factors and have a positive impact on society.

The portfolio is comprised primarily of fixed-income securities issued by Canadian issuers. Provincial and municipal government securities and corporate securities are generally favoured.

The management style is based on interest rate anticipation, sector weighting, yield curve positioning and security selection.

Inception date	December 1989
Vehicles offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Segregated securities</li> <li>Mutual funds</li> </ul>
Assets under management	\$329.38M
Benchmark	FTSE Canada Universe
Income distribution	Quarterly
Optimum fund code	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Series O: OPI300</b></li> <li><b>Series F: OPI300F (Fundserv)</b></li> </ul>
Auditor	Ernst & Young
Depository	RBC Investor Services

### Why invest?

- Long historical performance and constant value added
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process that integrates ESG factors
- Aims to have a positive footprint in society by choosing securities that respect the responsible investment principles
- Stable, experienced multidisciplinary management team

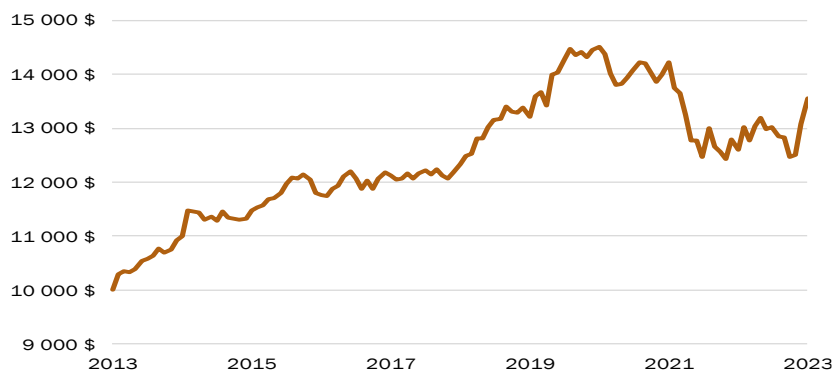
### Risk rating

Low	Low to medium	Medium	Medium to high	High
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Optimum Asset Management considers the volatility of the Universe Bond Heritage ESG 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 2013



- **Best quarter**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023: 8.71%

- **Worst quarter**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022: -6.92%

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## Performance

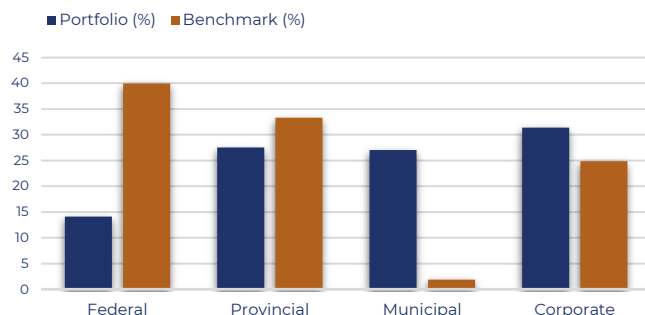
Annualized returns (%)	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception <sup>†</sup>
Portfolio	2.88	0.61	-0.97	-0.03	0.91	2.64	6.61
FTSE Canada Universe	2.10	0.02	-1.52	-0.74	0.28	2.01	6.06
Value added	0.78	0.58	0.54	0.72	0.63	0.63	0.55

Per period (%)	3 months	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Portfolio	-0.95	-0.95	7.53	-11.45	-1.96	9.81	7.17
FTSE Canada Universe	-1.22	-1.22	6.69	-11.69	-2.54	8.68	6.87
Value added	0.28	0.28	0.84	0.24	0.57	1.13	0.30

<sup>†</sup> Inception date: December 1989. The Optimum Universe Bond Heritage ESG 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 Universe Bond Heritage ESG Fund.

## Top 10 holdings\*

	%
PROV OF ONTARIO 4.60 – 2039-06	3.77
FINANCEMENT-QUÉBEC 5.25 – 2034-06	3.54
CANADA GOVT 1.75 – 2053-12	3.24
CANADA GOVT 3.25 – 2033-12	3.21
HYDRO-QUÉBEC 6.00 – 2040-02	1.88
BANK OF MONTREAL 1.76 – 2026-02	1.82
OPTIMUM MONEY MARKET FUND	1.75
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA 4.68 – 2029-02	1.73
HYDRO-QUÉBEC 0.00 – 2039-02	1.57
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA 5.23 – 2030-06	1.53

## Risk-return analysis\*\*

	5 years	Since inception
Information ratio	1.49	0.57
Sharpe ratio	0.14	1.30
Batting average (monthly)	65%	61%
Positive monthly value added (period average)	12 bps	20 bps
Negative monthly value added (period average)	-7 bps	-19 bps

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## Characteristics\*\*

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Average coupon	3.79%	3.30%
Market yield	4.48%	4.22%
Modified duration (years)	7.15	7.08
Average credit rating	AA	AA
ESG performance <sup>††</sup>	7.76	7.32

<sup>††</sup> Measured by Groupe investissement responsable inc.



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