

## Integrated bond universe

### Investment objectives

The objective of the Optimum Integrated bond universe strategy is to obtain income and capital security over a medium- to long-term horizon and generate an average annual return of **0.75% above** the benchmark over 4-year moving periods (before management fees).

The Strategy is based on active management whose sources of value add are largely attributed to sector allocation and security selection. The Strategy's top-down approach focuses on credit research based on data provided by our quantitative, fundamental and macro-analyses.

The portfolio consists of various classes of fixed-income securities issued by Canadian issuers. Provincial government and corporate securities are generally favoured.

Inception date	June 2016
Vehicle offered	Segregated securities
Assets under management	\$75.43M
Benchmark	FTSE Canada Universe
Income distribution	Quarterly

### Why invest?

- Construction based on the use of all strategic biases ensuring stable returns and better capital growth potential
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process that integrates ESG factors
- Stable, experienced multidisciplinary management team

### Risk rating



Optimum Asset Management considers the volatility of the Integrated bond universe 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 June 2016



- **Best quarter**

4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2023: 8.96%

- **Worst quarter**

1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2022: -6.65%

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### Performance

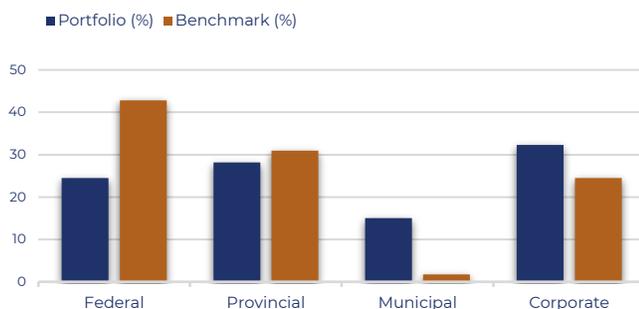
Annualized returns (%)	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception*
Portfolio	3.11	4.17	5.35	1.00	0.60	n.a.	2.60
FTSE Canada Universe	2.64	3.43	4.51	0.20	-0.35	n.a.	1.62
Value added	0.47	0.74	0.85	0.80	0.95	n.a.	0.98

Per period (%)	3 mos	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Portfolio	-0.29	3.11	5.24	7.76	-11.03	-0.98	10.27
FTSE Canada Universe	-0.32	2.64	4.23	6.69	-11.69	-2.54	8.68
Value added	0.03	0.47	1.01	1.07	0.66	1.56	1.59

\* Inception date: June 2016. The 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



### Top 10 holdings

	%
CANADA GOVT 2.75 – 2055	4.32
PROV OF ONTARIO 4.10 – 2054	2.91
PROV OF ONTARIO 4.65 – 2041	2.90
CANADA GOVT 3.50 – 2034	2.77
HYDRO-QUÉBEC 6.50 – 2035	2.48
PROV OF QUÉBEC 4.25 – 2043	2.37
CANADA GOVT 3.50 – 2056	2.36
CANADA GOVT 3.25 – 2035	2.05
MCDONALDS CORPORATION 4.11 – 2032	1.80
BMW CANADA 3.99 – 2028	1.79

### Risk-return analysis

	5 years	Since inception
Information ratio	2.27	2.12
Sharpe ratio	0.09	0.48
Batting average (monthly)	78%	77%
Positive monthly value added (period average)	12 bps	12 bps
Negative monthly value added (period average)	-7 bps	-6 bps

### Characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Average coupon	3.98%	4.34%
Market yield	3.78%	3.55%
Modified duration (years)	7.35	6.90
Average credit rating	AA	A
ESG performance rated out of ten*	8.26	7.91

\* Measured by Groupe investissement responsable inc.

## Who we are

Optimum Asset Management is an asset management firm that serves institutional and private clients. The firm is held by Optimum Financial Group, a private Canadian group with an international presence and over 700 employees across Canada, the United States and France.

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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