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Factsheet

As of September 30, 2026

Universe bond strategic bias

Investment objectives

The objective of the Optimum Universe bond strategic bias strategy is to obtain income and capital security over a medium- to long term horizon and generate an average annual return of **0.35% above** the benchmark over 4-year moving periods (before management fees).

The Strategy places particular emphasis on achieving maximum returns at maturity, while minimizing potential investment risks.

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

Inception date	April 2006
Vehicles offered	• Segregated securities • Mutual funds
Assets under management*	$510.41M
Benchmark	FTSE Canada Universe
Income distribution	Quarterly
Optimum fund code	**Series O: OPI500**
Auditor	Ernst & Young
Depositary	RBC Investor Services

*Assets under management for the Optimum Universe bond strategic bias strategy.

Why invest?

- Long historical performance and constant value added
- Construction based on strategic biases, ensuring stable returns
- Use of exclusive state-of-the-art technology integrating quantitative and qualitative filters
- Rigorous, disciplined investment process that integrates ESG factors
- Stable, experienced multidisciplinary management team

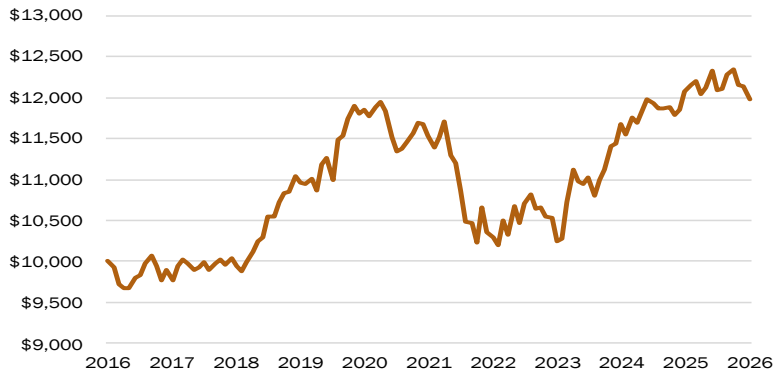
Risk rating

Low	Low to medium	Medium	Medium to high	High

Optimum Asset Management considers the volatility of the Universe bond strategic bias 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 September 2016



- **Best quarter**
  4th quarter 2023: 8.65%
- **Worst quarter**
  1st quarter 2022: -7.17%

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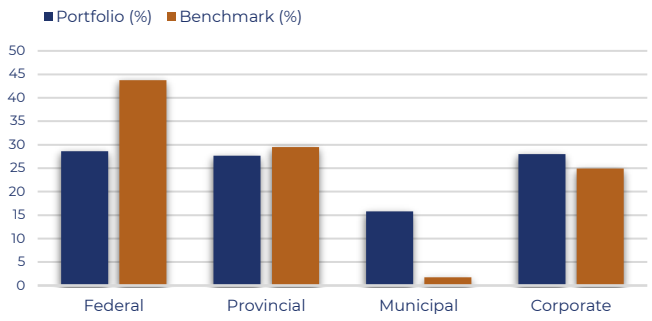
Performance

Annualized returns (%)	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception†
Portfolio	-0.76	1.35	5.39	3.86	0.78	1.83	3.86
FTSE Canada Universe	-1.10	0.89	4.75	3.18	0.30	1.29	3.28
Value added	0.35	0.45	0.65	0.68	0.49	0.54	0.58

Per period (%)	3 mos	YTD	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Portfolio	-2.93	-0.47	3.05	5.04	7.70	-11.74	-2.02
FTSE Canada Universe	-2.96	-0.78	2.64	4.23	6.69	-11.69	-2.54
Value added	0.04	0.31	0.41	0.81	1.02	-0.05	0.51

† Inception date: April 2006. The Optimum Universe bond strategic bias 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 strategic bias fund.

Top 10 holdings*

	%
PROV OF ONTARIO 4.65 – 2041	6.24
HYDRO-QUÉBEC 6.50 – 2035	5.27
CANADA GOVT 3.50 – 2029	5.26
CANADA GOVT 3.50 – 2057	3.37
CANADA GOVT 3.25 – 2036	2.61
CANADA GOVT 3.00 – 2031	2.59
CANADA GOVT 3.25 – 2036	2.44
PROV OF QUÉBEC 4.25 – 2043	2.09
ROYAL OFFICE FIN LP 5.21 – 2032	2.02
HYDRO ONE INC. 4.25 – 2035	1.90

Risk-return analysis**

	5 years	Since inception
Information ratio	1.50	0.93
Sharpe ratio	0.12	0.83
Batting average (monthly)	72%	69%
Positive monthly value added (period average)	8 bps	12 bps
Negative monthly value added (period average)	-6 bps	-11 bps

** Data for the Optimum Universe bond strategic bias strategy.

Characteristics**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Average coupon	4.17%	3.52%
Market yield	4.35%	4.20%
Modified duration (years)	6.87	6.68
Average credit rating	AA	AA
ESG performance rated out of ten††	8.25	7.98

†† 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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Series O Units: The units will be offered at the net asset value per series unit which is calculated on the applicable valuation day. For each Optimum Fund, the term "valuation day" means each business day (individually, an "Optimum Fund valuation day"). Fractional shares of up to three decimal places will be issued

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