

# RP SELECT OPPORTUNITIES

Fund Category	Long/Short Credit
Target Return (Net of Fees)	8 - 10 %
Inception Date	April 2014
AUM	\$775 Million
Distribution Frequency	Annual (Reinvested)
Liquidity	Monthly (45 Days Notice)
Registered Accounts	Yes

CURRENT POSITIONING	SOF	INDEX
Modified Duration	2.4	3.5
CS01	3.33 bps	N/A
Volatility	3.64%	5.38%
Months Positive	72%	64%
Sharpe Ratio	1.7	0.8
Max Drawdown	-3.50%	-9.68%

#### **INVESTMENT TERMS**

Minimum Investment	F: \$25,000 B: \$25,000
Management Fee	F: 1.50% B: 2.00%
Fund Codes CAD	F: RPDF100P B: RPDB100P
Fund Codes USD	F: RPDF150P B: RPDB150P
Performance Fee	15%
Highwater Mark	Perpetual

# SERVICE PROVIDERS

Administrator	Apex Fund Services
Auditor	Deloitte LLP

# RETURN ATTRIBUTION BY STRATEGY

Month	YTD
0.31%	4.13%
0.78%	1.80%
0.23%	1.75%
	0.31% 0.78%

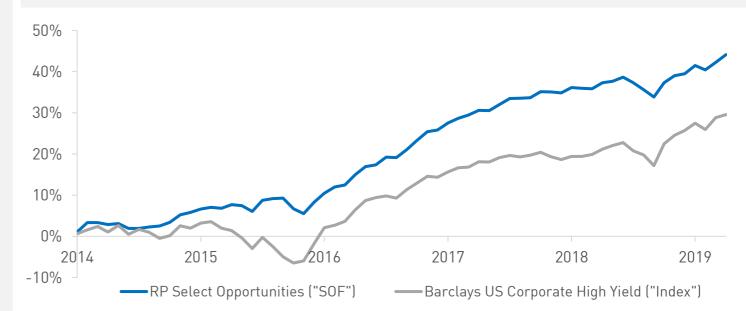
#### FIRM OVERVIEW

RPIA is a global fixed income asset management firm specializing in corporate bonds and active interest rate management. Founded in 2009 by a group of senior executives from RBC, the firm has grown to over \$5 billion in assets under management and 61 employees. The cornerstone of RPIA's investment philosophy is the view that credit is an inefficient asset class and we seek to add value through credit research, active trading and interest rate management. Our investment process is designed to generate best in class risk-adjusted returns regardless of overall market direction. RPIA partners and employees are significant investors in our funds to ensure alignment with our clients.

#### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

RP Select Opportunities ("SOF") is an unconstrained long/short credit strategy that seeks to generate strong risk-adjusted returns by investing in opportunities across credit asset classes including investment grade, high yield, preferred shares and SPACs. The strategy utilizes outright and relative value, alongside active trading, to seek absolute returns in all interest rate and credit spread environments. The strategy aims to produce a return profile with low volatility and preserve capital in down markets.

# PERFORMANCE (Net of Fees) \*



	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	Since Inception
SOF	1.32%	1.85%	4.95%	7.69%	4.97%	7.83%	6.98%	7.09%
INDEX	0.56%	1.63%	5.78%	10.56%	6.92%	6.77%	5.10%	4.98%

## PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

## PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



MICHAEL QUINN Chief Investment Officer & Principal 24 Years Experience



PETER METCALFE, CFA Portfolio Manager & Principal 20 Years Experience



**DERRICK JUMPER** Portfolio Manager 12 Years Experience

## **GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION**



- Other: 2%
- Europe : 18%
- USA: 63%
- Canada : 17%

## SECTOR BREAKDOWN



- Bank : 33%
- Non-Bank Financial: 10%
- Auto : -4%
- Energy : 19%
- Health Care: 2%
- Communication: 19% ■ Consumer: 17%
- Basic Material : 0%
- Industrial: 3%
- Diversified: -14%
- Technology : 3% ■ Real Estate: 12%

## **RATING ALLOCATION**



- AAA : 0%
- AA : -1%
- A : -1%
- BBB : 61%
- BB : 12%
- B : 23%
- Sub B and Unrated: 5%



#### MONTHLY RETURNS (Net of Fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	2.61	1.23	0.33	1.46	-0.76	1.29	1.32						7.69%
2018	1.11	-0.06	-0.17	0.95	-0.10	-0.12	1.10	0.27	0.70	-0.96	-1.23	-1.31	0.14%
2017	1.85	1.70	0.34	1.36	0.87	0.66	0.86	-0.03	1.11	1.13	0.03	0.07	10.4%
2016	-2.40	-1.13	2.63	2.06	1.35	0.45	2.20	1.69	0.36	1.62	-0.11	1.65	10.75%
2015	0.85	1.76	0.57	0.76	0.41	-0.23	0.80	-0.20	-1.31	2.57	0.35	0.14	6.61%
2014				1.06	2.25	0.00	-0.48	0.24	-1.16	0.00	0.39	0.23	2.52%

#### **COMMENTARY - JULY 2019**

- •During the month of July, Central Banks played the main protagonist in the market with the Federal Reserve cutting interest rates for the first time in 11 years and the European Central Bank (ECB) giving strong hints that further easing is on the way.
- •Credit spreads tightened generally across markets thanks to (1) Lower global yields pushing global fixed income investors into corporate bonds, (2) a dovish shift from ECB and (3) strong U.S. economic growth, which exceeded expectations in Q2.
- •We saw strong performance from the majority of holdings in the month as both BBB and BB-rated exposures continued to tighten in July. Our general avoidance of lower rated CCC bonds also benefitted the strategy as lower-quality high yield names lagged those with higher ratings.
- •Looking forward, strategy positioning has turned more defensive given credit spreads have hit historical near-term tights.
- •Since end of June, credit duration has been reduced from 3.6 years to 2.9 years, net credit leverage has dropped from 1.75x to 1.67x, and BB rated holdings have been trimmed from 47% to 19% and redeployed to BBB issuers where we see more attractive opportunities.
- •The Exploration & Production (E&P) sector was a detractor to performance during the month. The weakness has been driven by weakness in oil and natural gas prices, steel tariffs and U.S. protectionist trade policy.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*The performance comparisons presented are intended to illustrate the historical performance of the strategy compared a specified market index since strategy inception. The comparison is for illustrative purposes only and does not imply future performance. There are various differences between an index and the investment strategy that could affect the performance and risk characteristics of each. Market indices are not directly investable and index performance does not account for fees, expense and taxes that might be applicable to an investment strategy.

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Portfolio characteristics are presented in CAD market value as a percentage of NAV. "Modified Duration" measures the approximate percentage change in value in response to a 1% change in interest rates. "CS01" is defined as the change in present value for a one basis point parallel shift in the underlying credit spread curve. "Volatility" is represented by the annualized standard deviation of returns since inception. "Months Positive" refers to the percentage of positive performing months since strategy inception. "Sharpe Ratio" is calculated using the CAD risk free rate represented by the SCM CDN Money Market Indices 91-day T-Bill (Source: FTSE Russell) and the USD risk free rate represented by Merrill Lynch 3-month T-bill (Source: Bloomberg). "Drawdown" represents the percentage loss suffered by the strategy from peak to trough. "Geographic Allocation", "Sector Breakdown" and "Rating Allocation" excludes Cash, Cash Equivalents and Government Bonds. Geographic Allocation is calculated using "Country of Risk" as defined by Bloomberg LP.