

## **RP STRATEGIC INCOME PLUS FUND - CLASS A**

RPD100

2.37%

1.5

**BBB** 

A: RPD105

## **FUND TERMS**

Global Fixed Income Category Inception Date April 15, 2016 Fund AUM \$ 1,219 Million \$1,000 Minimum Investment Subsequent \$100 Distribution Frequency Quarterly (Cash Option) Liquidity Daily Registered Accounts Yes 0.95% Management Fee

#### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Fund Codes CAD

Fund Codes USD

SERVICE PROVIDERS	
Administrator	Apex Fund Services
Auditor	Deloitte LLP
FUND STATISTICS	
Modified Duration	4.2
Avg. Term (years)	8.9
Yield to Maturity	4.71%

## **RISK RATING**

Average Credit Quality

Sharpe Ratio

Volatility

Low	ıh
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## **PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT**



## MICHAEL QUINN

Chief Investment Officer & Principal 24 Years Experience



## DAVID MATHESON, CFA

Portfolio Manager & Principal 17 Years Experience



# ILIAS LAGOPOULOS, CFA Portfolio Manager 9 Years Experience

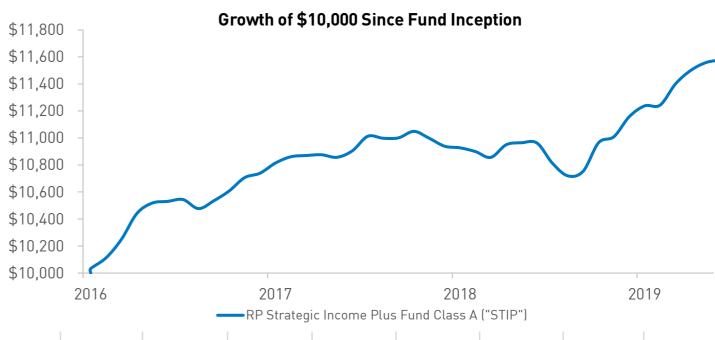
## **FIRM OVERVIEW**

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 65 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

- **Focus on capital preservation.** This fund was created for investors seeking a credit solution with the potential to produce better total returns than government securities alone while prioritizing capital preservation.
- **Global diversification.** The fund invests in the corporate debt of developed nations providing broad portfolio diversification and a lower correlation to Canadian assets.
- Added value from active management. RPIA employs rigorous bottom up research and relative value monitoring to extract value from inefficiencies in the global bond market aiming to produce superior returns with less risk.

## PERFORMANCE (Net of Fees)



	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Since Inception
Class A	0.17%	1.56%	3.77%	7.67%	5.62%	3.04%	3.21%	4.32%

## **CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS (Net of Fees)**

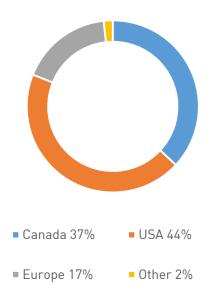
2016	2017	2018
5.35%	4.42%	-2.24%

## **TOP 5 LONG ISSUER HOLDINGS**

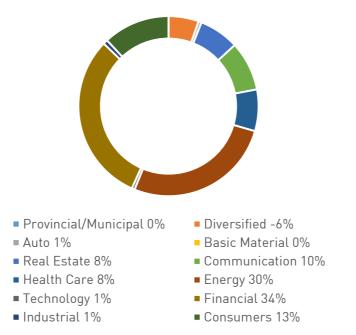
Bayer AG	4.65%
Deutsche Bank AG	4.16%
AT&T Inc	4.09%
Banco Santander SA	3.88%
Altria Group Inc	3.16%



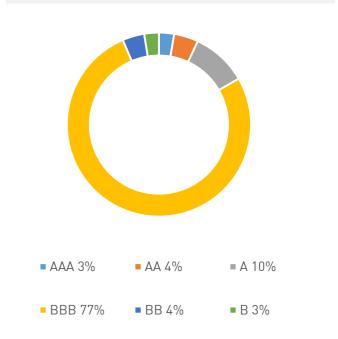
#### **GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION**



## **CREDIT SECTOR BREAKDOWN**



## **CREDIT QUALITY**



## **COMMENTARY - SEPTEMBER 2019**

- Markets were surprisingly resilient despite slowing macroeconomic data and trade uncertainties.
- •The Federal Reserve lowered interest rates to help boost risk assets and the European Central Bank (ECB) announced a new stimulus package in response to a weaker economic outlook.
- •Credit spreads tightened marginally through the month, even against the headwinds of a high new issuance calendar and interest rate retracement.
- •The fund posted positive returns for the month thanks to security selection within the U.S. corporate bond markets. Our positive credit exposure was somewhat offset by interest rate risk which detracted as short-term rates moved higher.
- •Top contributors to performance during the month came from longer-term, high conviction holdings within the Energy, Financials and Communications sectors.
- •Detractors during the month came from the Consumer sector and broad credit hedges which we maintain to help reduce volatility.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Performance presented is for Class A of the Fund. Returns of Fund classes may differ due to differences in fees and expenses. Refer to the Fund Facts document for each class for more information. Effective June 21, 2019, the Management Fee of Class F and A of the fund was reduced which in turn affected the fund's performance.

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"Modified Duration" measures the approximate percentage change in value in response to a 1% change in interest rates. "Yield to Maturity" of the fund represents the aggregate yield of all portfolio securities, less the directly observable yield on applicable derivative instruments held in the portfolio, or in the case of futures, the relevant yield on the "cheapest to deliver" plus the "implied repo rate". "Volatility" is represented by the annualized standard deviation of returns since fund inception. "Sharpe Ratio" is a widely used measure that is meant to illustrate the return realized by an investment relative its volatility (risk). "Sharpe Ratio" is calculated using the CAD risk free rate represented by SCM CDN Money Market Indices 91-day T- Bill (Source: FTSE Russell). "Top 5 Long Issuer Holdings" excludes Cash & Cash Equivalents, Federal Government Bonds and Banker's Acceptances. "Geographic Allocation" is calculated using "Country of Risk" as defined by Bloomberg LP.