

## RP FIXED INCOME PLUS

Fund Category	Short-Term Fixed Income
Inception Date	July 15, 2010
AUM	\$625 Million
Distribution Frequency	Quarterly (Cash Option)
Liquidity	Daily
Registered Accounts	Yes
Corporate Bond Exposure	Max 80%
Interest Rate Risk (Duration)	Max 3 Yrs
Minimum Credit Quality	Investment Grade
Currency Exposure	Hedged

CURRENT POSITIONING	FIP	INDEX
Yield to Maturity	2.45%	1.86%
Modified Duration	2.0	2.7
Average Term	2.5	2.9
Average Quality	A	AA
Sharpe Ratio	1.7	1.0

### INVESTMENT TERMS

Minimum Investment	F: \$25,000 B: \$25,000
Management Fees	F: 0.60% B: 1.10%
Fund Codes CAD	F: RPD700 B: RPD800
Fund Codes USD	F: RPD750 B: RPD825

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Administrator	Apex Fund Services
Auditor	Deloitte LLP

### RISK RATING

Low  High

### 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 64 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.

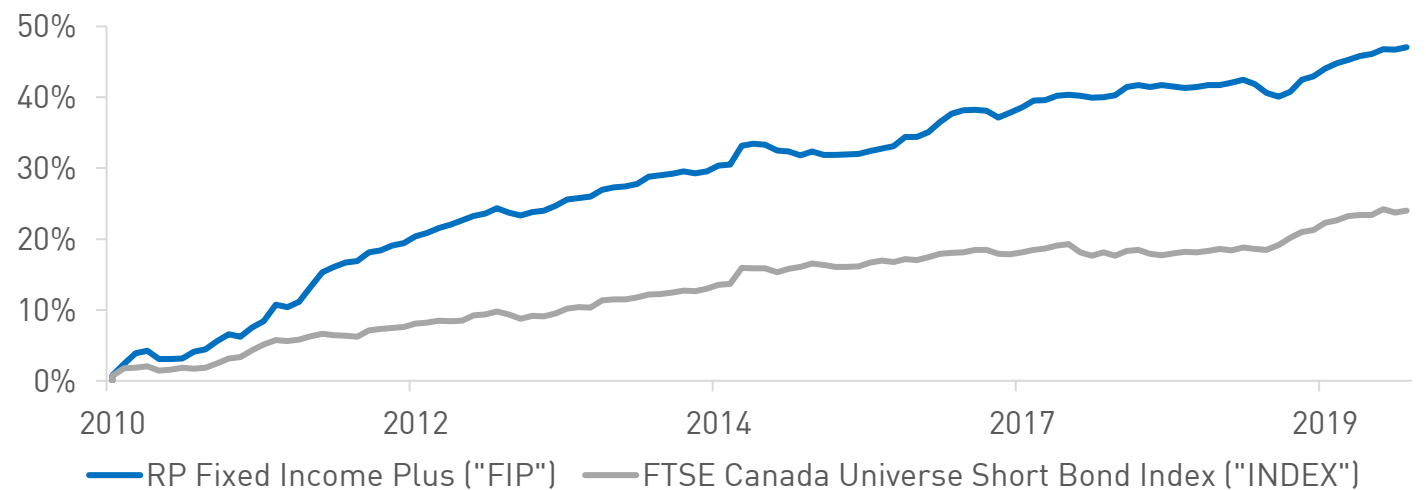
### STRATEGY OVERVIEW

RP Fixed Income Plus ("FIP") is a daily liquidity product that aims to provide investors with a low risk "cash plus" return stream. The strategy seeks to achieve these objectives by providing:

- Low sensitivity to interest rates by investing in short term and floating rate bonds.
- A high quality portfolio of investment grade corporate and government bonds.
- Risk management via active positioning of the portfolio and global diversification with a focus on capital preservation.

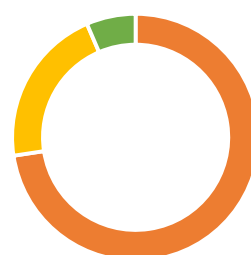
The strategy is an alternative to cash proxy or short-term fixed income instruments. It can be used as a ballast with longer-term investment instruments providing investors with incremental returns over cash and access to capital on a daily basis.

### PERFORMANCE (Net of Fees) \*



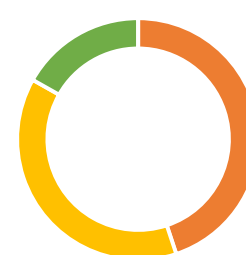
### PORTFOLIO BREAKDOWN

#### CREDIT SECTOR BREAKDOWN



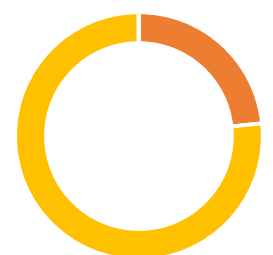
■ Corporate Bonds : 73%  
■ Cash & Cash Equivalents : 21%  
■ Government Bonds : 6%

#### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION



■ Canada : 45%    ■ USA : 38%  
■ Europe : 17%    ■ Asia : 0%

#### RATING ALLOCATION



■ High (AAA, AA-) : 23%  
■ Med (A+, BBB-) : 77%  
■ Low (BB+ and under) : 0%  
■ NR (Non-rated) : 0%

## MONTHLY RETURNS (Net of Fees)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2019	1.23	0.32	0.77	0.53	0.34	0.34	0.22	0.45	-0.06	0.25			4.48%
2018	0.19	-0.14	-0.17	0.09	0.20	0.00	0.26	0.26	-0.42	-0.87	-0.36	0.46	-0.49%
2017	0.57	0.70	0.04	0.46	0.08	-0.10	-0.20	0.06	0.18	0.85	0.22	-0.21	2.66%
2016	0.26	0.23	0.96	0.02	0.53	1.03	0.84	0.38	0.05	-0.11	-0.68	0.46	4.04%
2015	2.03	0.19	-0.08	-0.61	-0.13	-0.37	0.41	-0.36	-0.02	0.07	0.03	0.32	1.48%
2014	0.80	0.25	0.07	0.30	0.78	0.17	0.17	0.25	-0.18	0.21	0.62	0.10	3.6%
2013	0.50	0.53	0.24	0.65	-0.53	-0.31	0.42	0.14	0.57	0.70	0.18	0.13	3.24%
2012	1.85	0.64	0.51	0.19	1.04	0.23	0.57	0.28	0.82	0.42	0.56	0.38	7.75%
2011	0.08	0.94	0.34	1.06	0.94	-0.35	1.21	0.85	2.17	-0.31	0.67	1.88	9.88%
2010							0.78	1.63	1.44	0.33	-1.13	0.00	3.07%

## COMMENTARY - OCTOBER 2019

- Geopolitical tensions eased in October as U.S. and Chinese authorities moved closer to a partial deal on trade, while the European Union ("EU") agreed to postpone Brexit until next year.
- The Federal Reserve ("Fed") cut rates for the third consecutive time by 25 basis points as they try to stay ahead of a possible slowing economy. However, Powell signaled that further rate cuts are not a given.
- U.S. Investment Grade new issuance declined with October being the first negative net supply month since December 2018. However, inflows to U.S. Bond funds and ETFs remained stable causing spreads to tighten.
- The Strategy posted a positive return of the month and outperformed FTSE Canada Universe Short Term Bond Index through best in class credit selection.
- Positive contributors to performance in the month were found in long-term conviction names within the Financial, Energy and Real Estate sectors.
- Given macroeconomic and political unknowns will likely persist in Q4, the strategy has rotated some of its higher performing U.S. holdings into less volatile Canadian credits which are relatively less affected by the current geopolitical uncertainties. The majority of the strategy's exposure is in Canada now which represents 45% of the entire portfolio.
- Currently, the strategy's exposure is 75% in credit and the rest in Government, Cash/Cash Equivalents. Duration and Credit Duration ended at 2.04 years and 2.18 years respectively.

## 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. "Yield to Maturity" denotes Yield-to-Worst. "Modified Duration" measures the approximate percentage change in value in response to a 1% change in interest rates. "Sharpe Ratio" is calculated using the CAD risk free rate represented by SCM CDN Money Market Indices 91-day T-Bill (Source: FTSE Russell). "Geographic Allocation" excludes Cash, Cash Equivalents and Government Bonds. Cash Equivalents include BAs and Government Bonds with maturity of less than one year. "Geographic Allocation" is calculated using "Country of Risk" as defined by Bloomberg LP.