



## Key Benefits

- To provide a steady income stream through fixed income investing
- Capital preservation while mitigating risk exposure from both an interest rate risk and credit risk perspective
- Diversified portfolio of bonds by sector, issuer and maturity

## Highlights for the Month

- Another tumultuous month as trade wars heated up again that caused more uncertainty in the markets and fears that a persisting trade war environment between US and China, US and Mexico, will slow down global GDP growth not just in the near term but the longer term. As a result, bond yields in both the US and Canada were significantly lower. Government of Canada yields were lower anywhere between 4bps to almost 25bps across the curve. Corporate Spreads started to see some pressure closer to the end of the month and ended the month anywhere between 2bps to 6bps wider across tenors and rating categories.
- The bond universe returned +169bps on the month, while the corporate bond index returned +131bps. The best performing segment was long government bonds (+362bps), while the worse performing segment was short government bonds (+50bps). Canadian High Yield returned -47bps and the BMO Laddered Preferred ETF returned -348bps.
- We underperformed our benchmark for the month as we posted returns of +27bps and +32bps for Series A and M, respectively, while our benchmark returned +109bps. The main laggards were the preferred shares, high yield, and to a lesser extent the widening of corporate spreads. Additionally due to the shorter duration of the Fund, it underperformed.
- The portfolio's duration was unchanged at 2.3 years as was purchase yield at 4.17%.

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# KIPLING STRATEGIC INCOME FUND



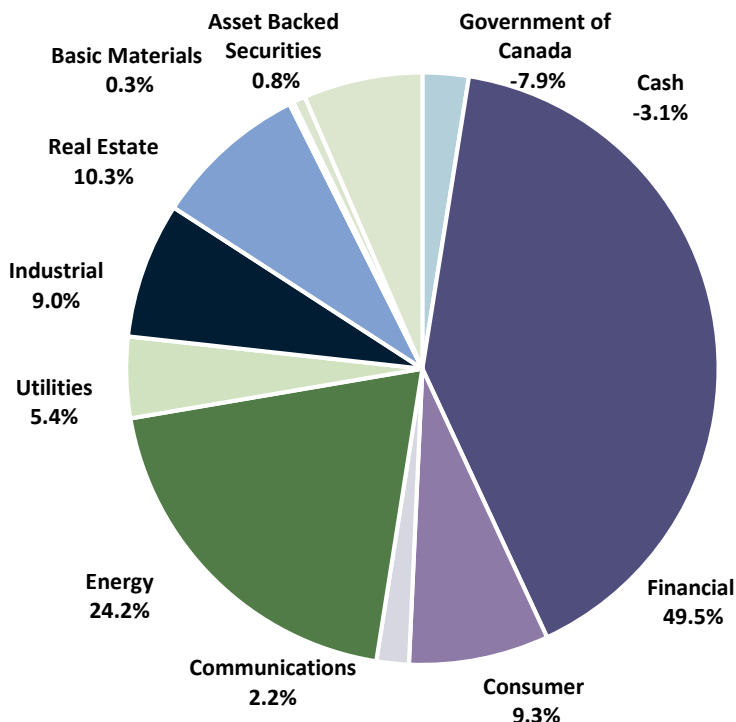
Fund Facts	
Asset Type	Fixed Income
Inception	August 5, 2016
NAV(\$)/A/M Series	\$10.17 / \$10.23
Distribution (\$)	\$0.35/annum
Distribution Frequency	Monthly

Fund Terms	
Min Initial Investment (\$)	\$150,000
Min Subsequent Investment (\$)	\$5,000
Redemptions	Weekly

Portfolio Metrics	
# of Holdings	80
Duration (Years)	2.32
Purchase Yield (%)	4.17%

Top 10 Holdings	Weight
Bank of Montreal 2.57% 06/01/2027	6.82%
First National Financial 4.01% 04/09/2020	5.85%
Enercare Solutions Inc. 3.38% 02/21/2022	5.47%
Gibson Energy 5.375% 07/15/2022	4.45%
H&R Reit 2.923% 05/06/2022	4.00%
Brookfield Property Financ ULC 4.3% 03/01/2024	3.56%
Empire Life Insurance 3.383% 12/16/2026	3.47%
First Capital Realty Inc 3.604% 05/06/2026	3.46%
Parkland Fuel 6% 11/21/2022	3.45%
Bank of Nova Scotia 2.58% 03/27/2027	3.41%

## Sector Allocation



## Credit Quality Allocation (%)

As of 05/31/2019

AAA	-3.0%
AA	0.6%
A	7.4%
BBB	73.0%
BB and lower	23.0%
Not Rated	2.1%
Cash	-3.1%

## Asset Type Allocation (%)

As of 05/31/2019

Investment Grade Corporate Bonds	76.1%
High-Yield Bonds	21.6%
Convertible Bonds	2.1%
Preferred Shares	3.3%
Cash	-3.1%

	NAV	1mth	3mth	6mth	YTD	1yr	2yr	2018	2017	Inception** (Annualized)
A Series (CAD)	\$10.17	0.27%	1.82%	3.7%	3.53%	4.45%	3.35%	2.01%	4.19%	4.38% (Aug 5, 2016)
M Series (CAD)	\$10.23	0.32%	1.97%	4.02%	3.79%	5.08%	3.97%	2.63%	4.79%	5.00% (Aug 5, 2016)
Benchmark		1.09%	2.87%	5.53%	4.62%	5.71%	4.81%	1.06%	1.47%	1.99%

Data shown is as of May 31, 2019. Pricing from SVC/PC Bond, Statpro, and IDC. Duration and credit ratings are from Bloomberg.

\*\*Net of fees

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