

Kipling Strategic Income Fund

as at December 31, 2020



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Key Benefits

Provides 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.

Canadian corporate bond new issuance totalled about \$6.1B for December vs. \$10.9B in December 2019. Issuance for the year hit a 10-year record of \$116B, up 4% vs. 2019. The Bank of Canada did not buy back any corporate bonds during the month out of a potential of 700M. The yield curve move was mixed: the yield curve steepened with 1-year to sub 10-year rates moving lower anywhere from 2bps to 6bps; and 10-year and longer rates moving higher by 2bps to 5 bps. Corporate spreads were mixed with a range of 2bps wider to as much as 10bps tighter, with BBB credit spreads outperforming. The bond universe returned +37bps, the corporate bond index returned +73bps, while the short bond index returned +23bps. Canadian High Yield returned +130bps. The Fund performed well from its holdings in Precision Drilling, H&R Reit and hybrids.

Portfolio Risk

Low

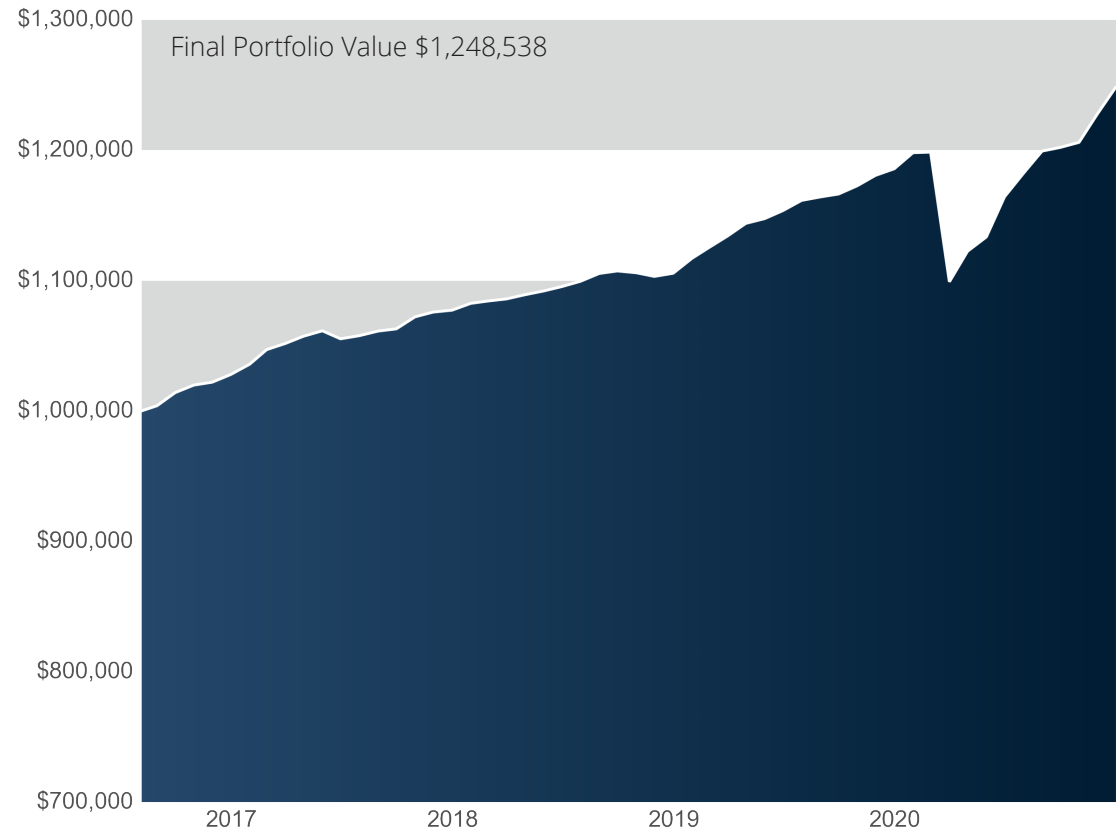
Low to Medium

Medium

Medium to High

High

Value of a \$1,000,000 Portfolio



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Fund Facts

Asset Class	Fixed Income
Inception Date	August 5, 2016
Distribution	Annual \$0.336 / Paid Monthly

Top 10 Holdings

	Weight
ARTIS REIT, SERIES 'C' 3.674% 22 FEB 2021	6.9%
SUPERIOR PLUS L.P., CALLABLE 5.250% 27 FEB 2024	4.9%
FORD CR CDA LTD 2.710 FEB 23 22	4.4%
H&R REIT 2.923 MAY 06 22	4.3%
MCAP COML LP 4.151 JUN 17 24	4.2%
TRANSCANADA TR FLTG 4.650 MAY 18 77	4.1%
CHIP MTG TR 2.981 NOV 15 21	3.8%
ENBRIDGE INC FLTG 5.375 SEP 27 77	2.6%
FIRST NATL FINL CORP 3.582 NOV 25 24	2.6%
MORGUARD CORP 4.402 SEP 28 23	2.4%

Portfolio Metrics³

	Fund
Long / Short Positions	92 / 3
Yield to Maturity	3.9%
Duration	2.4
Purchase Yield	4.4%

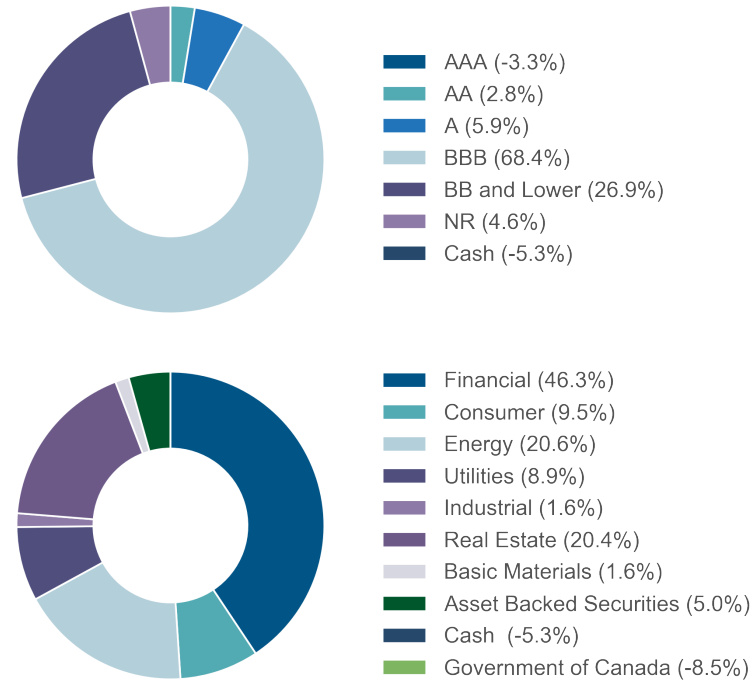
Asset Type Allocation

Investment Grade Bonds	69.5%
High Yield Bonds	25.6%
Convertible Bonds	4.1%
Preferred Shares	6.1%
Cash	-5.3%

Portfolio Statistics⁴

	Fund	Benchmark ⁵
Up Months / Avg. Return	48 / 0.7%	35 / 0.8%
Down Months / Avg. Return	4 / -2.3%	17 / -0.7%
Best 3 Month Return	Jun20 / 5.9%	Jun20 / 5.1%
Worst 3 Month Return	Mar20 / -7.3%	Dec16 / -1.9%
Standard Deviation	4.7%	3.2%
Sharpe Ratio	1.09	1.08
Beta	0.87	-
Tracking Error	3.9%	-

How the Fund Invests



Performance

Trailing Returns	NAV	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year	3 Year ¹	5 Year ¹	10 Year ¹	Inception ¹
Series A	\$10.17	1.7%	3.7%	6.9%	4.7%	4.4%	-	-	4.5%
Series M	\$10.32	1.7%	3.9%	7.2%	5.3%	5.0%	-	-	5.2%

Calendar Year Returns

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Series A	4.7%	6.6%	2.0%	4.2%	2.6% ²
Series M	5.3%	7.2%	2.6%	4.8%	2.8% ²

2. Partial Year

1. Annualized return. 2. 2016 Return begins at Fund inception. 3. Portfolio Metrics are sourced from CapitalIQ. 4. Portfolio Statistics are calculated on Series M since inception. 5. Benchmark: 50% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index/50% FTSE Canada IG Corporate 1-5Y Index (100% Long). The benchmark represents the primary investment universe of the Fund, but may have a longer duration relative to the Fund's bond allocation which has a short duration bias. The Fund may also invest, to a lesser extent, in money market bonds or equivalents, high yield bonds, convertible bonds and preferred shares which are not represented in the benchmark. 6. Risk level is determined using the Fund's ten-year standard deviation. If a Fund does not have ten years of performance history, the risk level is calculated using the Fund's actual return history and the return history of its benchmark (which is expected to reasonably approximate the Fund's standard deviation) for the remainder of the ten year period.