

Kipling Strategic Income Fund

as at December 31, 2021



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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 continued to be robust in December totalling \$7.4B vs. \$6.0B last December. The yield curve moved lower between 3bps to 21bps across the curve. Corporate spreads compressed 1bp to 4bps, with long A rated names moving the most. WTI Crude oil recovered this month (+15%). The bond universe returned +167bps, the corporate bond index returned +150bps, while the short bond index returned +36bps. Canadian High Yield returned +37bps. The Fund performed relatively well because of its holdings in Precision Drilling, Chemtrade Logistics Income Fund, MCAP Commercial LP, Nuvista Energy Ltd, offset by our shorts on Government of Canada bonds.

Portfolio Risk

Low

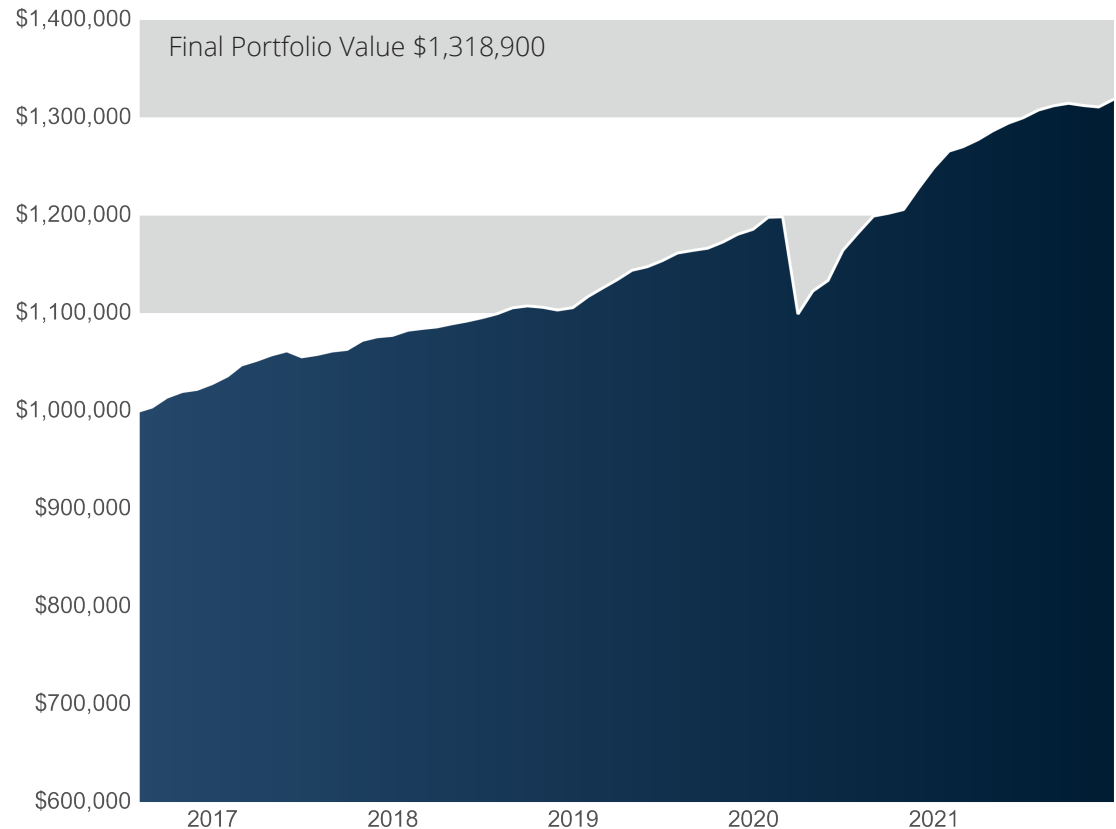
Low to
Medium

Medium

Medium to
High

High

Value of a \$1,000,000 Portfolio



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Fund Facts

Fund Codes	M Series - KIP 1105 A Series - KIP 1100
Asset Class	Fixed Income
Inception Date	August 5, 2016
Distribution	Annual \$0.3300 / Paid Monthly

Top 10 Holdings

	Weight
HYDRO ONE 0.710 JAN 16 23	6.8%
ARTIS REIT 3.824 SEP 18 23	6.4%
EQUITABLE BK CDA 1.774 SEP 21 23	5.1%
NISSAN CANADA INC 1.626 MAR 18 24	4.5%
MCAP COML LP 3.384 NOV 26 27	4.4%
MORGUARD CORP 4.715 JAN 25 24	4.3%
ENBRIDGE INC DN COML CP JAN 25 22	3.4%
EQUITABLE BK CDA 1.876 NOV 26 25	3.1%
FIRST NATL FINL CORP 3.582 NOV 25 24	2.9%
NUVISTA ENERGY LTD 7.875 JUL 23 26	2.9%

Portfolio Metrics³

	Fund
Long / Short Positions	89 / 3
Yield to Maturity	3.6%
Duration	2.3
Purchase Yield	3.9%

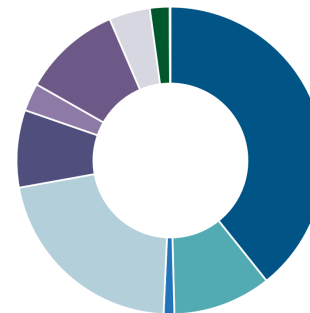
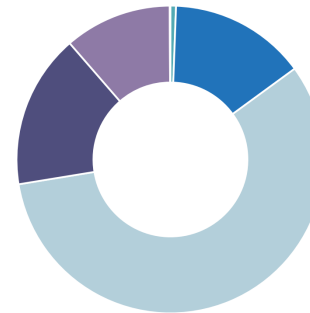
Asset Type Allocation

Investment Grade Bonds	67.8%
High Yield Bonds	17.7%
Convertible Bonds	9.3%
Preferred Shares	5.2%
Cash	0.1%

Portfolio Statistics⁴

	Fund	Benchmark ⁵
Up Months / Avg. Return	58 / 0.6%	41 / 0.7%
Down Months / Avg. Return	6 / -1.6%	23 / -0.7%
Best 3 Month Return	Jun20 / 5.9%	Jun20 / 5.1%
Worst 3 Month Return	Mar20 / -7.3%	Mar21 / -2.8%
Standard Deviation	4.3%	3.1%
Sharpe Ratio	1.22	0.79
Beta	0.72	-
Tracking Error	3.8%	-

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	0.6%	0.2%	1.2%	5.1%	5.4%	4.5%	-	4.6%
Series M	\$10.38	0.6%	0.3%	1.5%	5.6%	6.1%	5.1%	-	5.3%

Calendar Year Returns

Returns	2021 YTD	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Series A	5.1%	4.7%	6.6%	2.0%	4.2%	2.6% ²
Series M	5.6%	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 Bloomberg. 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.