

# Guardian Canadian Bond ETF

TSX: GCBD

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**Live life to the fullest with investment solutions designed for wealth preservation and income generation.**

Investors are finding it increasingly difficult to meet their income and total return needs from the use of traditional investments and asset allocation practices. As average lifespans increase, susceptibility to drawdown risk and gaps between savings and life expectancy create an acute problem. The generation of income and preservation of capital in all types of markets becomes crucial.

Guardian Prosper™ solutions are specifically tailored for the decumulation phase of the retirement savings lifecycle, which requires a focus on wealth preservation and income generation.

## INVESTMENT MANAGERS



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## Fund Objective

The fund seeks to provide a high level of current interest income while at the same time preserving capital and seeking opportunities for capital appreciation by investing, directly or indirectly, primarily in Canadian bonds, debentures, notes or other evidence of indebtedness.

## INVESTMENT PROCESS

Guardian Capital's Canadian Fixed Income Investment Team follows a robust process using tools that aim to capture added value from macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis, while managing volatility and downside risks. By combining risk identification, value-add considerations and critical bottom-up security analysis, the team aims to ensure the right mix of holdings are in its fixed-income portfolio.



## YOUR INVESTMENT OUTCOME

The Guardian Canadian Bond ETF is built upon big-picture views, including economic cycle timing. This helps direct and understand downstream risks and how to consider the appropriate fixed-income tools to help generate income. It aims to separate itself from other funds with a similar theme through three unique features:



### A systematic approach

Guardian's fixed-income process is differentiated through its systematic approach to building portfolios that use top-down analysis to exploit prevailing themes and macro drivers.



### A focus on quality

With a strong bias towards building a portfolio of high-quality fixed-income securities, both within Canada and globally, as well as a commitment to avoiding unnecessary interest rate risk in a chase for incremental yield, this ETF aims for sustainable income and risk-conscious capital preservation.



### Risk awareness

Risk is taken into account at every stage of our process, from top-down macro views to the bottom-up assessment of securities. Implementation of our investment ideas is where we add extra quality and risk controls.

## Fund Information

### Guardian Canadian Bond ETF

TSX: GCBD  
 Asset Class: Canadian Fixed Income  
 Distribution Frequency: Quarterly  
 Management Fee<sup>2</sup>: 0.30%

Strategy: Decumulation  
 Currency: CAD  
 Risk Rating<sup>1</sup>: Low  
 Inception Date<sup>3</sup>: 03/31/2021

NAV per Unit: \$20.45  
 Total Fund AUM: \$2,044,452.00  
 Benchmark: FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

### PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS<sup>4</sup>

|                         | ETF  |
|-------------------------|------|
| Standard Deviation      | N/A  |
| Sharpe Ratio            | N/A  |
| Weighted Average Coupon | 3.05 |
| Yield to Maturity       | 1.50 |
| Duration                | 8.47 |
| Average Credit Quality  | AA   |

### MORNINGSTAR RATINGS<sup>7</sup>

Morningstar® Sustainability Rating™



% rank in global category

Source: Morningstar® Essentials™. Sustainalytics provides company level analysis used in the calculation of Morningstar's Sustainability Score.

### TOP HOLDINGS

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Ontario (Province Of) 5.85% 08-03-2033 | 9.8% |
| Canada (Government of) 2% 01-12-2051   | 9.2% |
| Province Of BC 2.95% 18-12-2028        | 8.4% |
| Bank of Nova Scotia 2.36% 08-11-2022   | 8.1% |
| Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.35% 15-06-2023    | 6.4% |
| Bank Montreal Que 3.19% 01-03-2028     | 5.9% |
| Province of Alberta 3.9% 01-12-2033    | 4.5% |
| CIBC 3.3% 26-05-2025                   | 4.0% |
| Ontario (Province Of) 2.8% 02-06-2048  | 4.0% |
| Bank Montreal Que 2.89% 20-06-2023     | 3.3% |

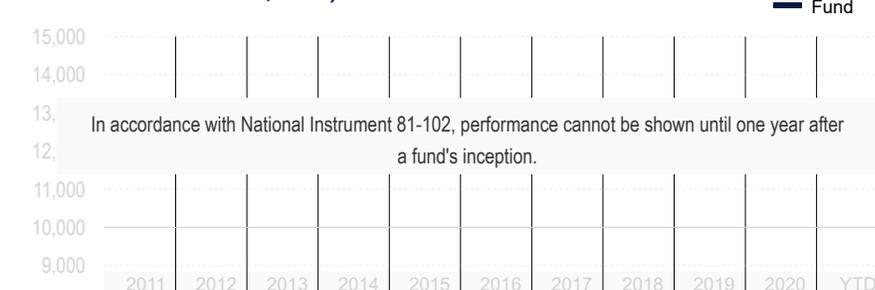
### CREDIT QUALITY

|     |       |         |      |
|-----|-------|---------|------|
| AAA | 27.5% | BB      | 0.0% |
| AA  | 55.2% | B       | 0.0% |
| A   | 9.9%  | Below B | 0.0% |
| BBB | 7.4%  | NR/NA   | 0.0% |

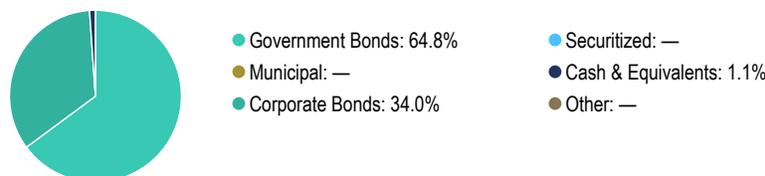
### FUND PERFORMANCE %<sup>5</sup>

In accordance with National Instrument 81-102, performance cannot be shown until one year after a fund's inception.

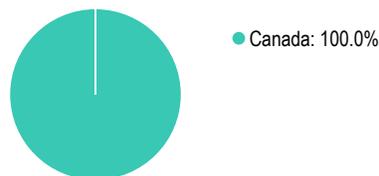
### GROWTH OF \$10,000<sup>5, 6</sup>



### FIXED INCOME SECTORS



### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION



1. The Risk Classification of a fund has been determined in accordance with a standardized risk classification methodology in National Instrument 81-102, that is based on the fund's historical volatility as measured by the 10-year standard deviation of the fund's returns. Where a fund has offered securities to the public for less than 10 years, the standardized methodology requires that the standard deviation of a reference mutual fund or index that reasonably approximates the fund's standard deviation be used to determine the fund's risk rating. Please note that historical performance may not be indicative of future returns and a fund's historical volatility may not be indicative of future volatility.
2. The Management Fee is the fee paid to the Fund's Manager for managing the investment portfolio and for the day-to-day operations of the Fund.
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