

Guardian Canadian Bond Fund ETF Units

TSX: GCBD

February 29, 2024

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 primary objective of the Fund is the provision of a high level of current interest income while at the same time preserving capital and seeking opportunities for capital appreciation primarily through investments 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 Fund 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 Fund 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

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Asset Class: Canadian Fixed Income

 Management Fee²: 0.30%

Strategy: Decumulation

Currency: CAD

 Risk Rating¹: Low

 Inception Date³: 11/06/2023

Distribution Frequency: Quarterly

NAV per Unit: \$17.80

Total Fund AUM: \$296,397,115.00

Benchmark: FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS⁵

	ETF
Standard Deviation	7.76
Sharpe Ratio	-0.12
Weighted Average Coupon	3.28
Yield to Maturity	4.29
Duration	7.24
Average Credit Quality	AA

Trailing 1-year as of February 29, 2024.

MORNINGSTAR RATINGS⁸

Morningstar® Sustainability Rating™


 Category: Canada Fixed Income
 No. of Funds in Category: 490

Source: Morningstar® Essentials™ based on long positions only as at January 31, 2024. The Sustainability Rating is based on the Portfolio Corporate and Sovereign Sustainability Scores. Please read the Definitions of the Morningstar Ratings, Scores and their methodologies below, which includes information about when a rating may not be received. The proportional relative contribution to the overall Morningstar Sustainability Rating from the Fund's Corporate and Sovereign positions is (—%) and (—%), respectively. These scores are based on the percent of Eligible Portfolio Covered, which is (99.58%) of Corporate positions and is (100.00%) of Sovereign positions.

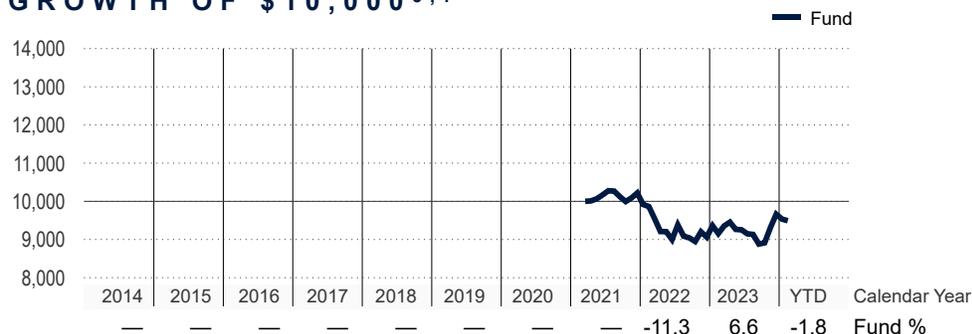
TOP 10 HOLDINGS

Ontario (Province Of) 5.85% 08-03-2033	8.0%
Sun Life Financial Inc. 2.8% 21-11-2033	6.7%
Province Of BC 2.95% 18-12-2028	6.6%
Ontario (Province Of) 1.9% 02-12-2051	5.6%
Canada Housing Trust No 3. 55% 15-09-2032	5.3%
Ontario (Province Of) 3.75% 02-06-2032	4.8%
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.9% 15-09-2026	4.8%
Canada Housing Trust No 1. 4% 15-03-2031	4.6%
Canada (Government of) 2% 01-12-2051	4.2%
Ontario (Province Of) 3.65% 02-06-2033	2.9%

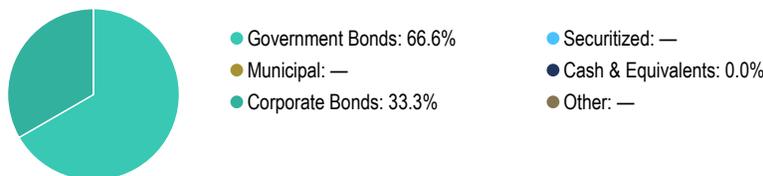
FUND PERFORMANCE %⁶

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	SI
Fund	-0.4	1.9	3.9	-1.8	3.7	—	—	—	-1.8

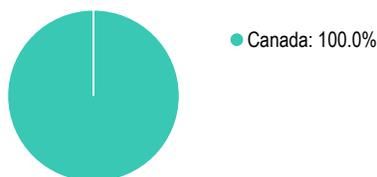
GROWTH OF \$10,000^{6,7}



FIXED INCOME SECTORS



GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION



CREDIT QUALITY

AAA	23.7%	BB	0.0%
AA	48.9%	B	0.0%
A	19.9%	Below B	0.0%
BBB	5.5%	NR/NA	2.0%

Source: Morningstar® Essentials™ as at February 29, 2024.

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§ Prior to November 3, 2023, the performance data provided for the ETF Units of this Fund includes performance of the ETF Units of Guardian Canadian Bond ETF, which merged on a 1:1 basis into the ETF Units of the Fund on that date. The Manager of the Fund filed for and obtained exemptive relief to permit the continued disclosure of the start date, past performance and information derived from the financial statements of the ETF Units of Guardian Canadian Bond ETF in the Fund's sales communications, reports to securityholders, simplified prospectus, ETF Facts, annual and interim financial statements and annual and interim management reports of fund performance, as applicable.

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.
3. The Inception Date is the start date of investment performance and may not coincide with the date the fund or series was first offered for sale under a prospectus or its legal date of creation.
4. The current MER shown is that of the ETF Units of Guardian Canadian Bond ETF, which was merged into the ETF Units of this Fund on November 3, 2023. The Management Expense Ratio ("MER") represents the trailing 12-month management expense ratio, which reflects the cost of running the Fund, inclusive of applicable taxes including HST, GST and QST (excluding certain portfolio transaction costs) as a percentage of daily average net asset value the period, including the Fund's proportionate share of any underlying fund(s) expenses, if applicable. The MER reported herein is from the Fund's most recent Management Report of Fund Performance ("MRFP"), as updated semi-annually, and which can be found on our website at: <https://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions/documents/>
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6. The indicated rates of return in the charts above are used only to illustrate the effects of the compound growth rate and are not intended to reflect the future value of the fund or returns on investment in the fund.
7. The Growth of \$10,000 chart shows the final value of a hypothetical \$10,000 investment in securities of this series of the fund as at the end of the investment period indicated and is not intended to reflect future values or returns on investment in such securities.

8. To review the historical 12-month history of the Fund's ratings, rankings and scores, based on the Morningstar Sustainability Rating for Funds Methodology and Morningstar Low Carbon Designation Methodology, please visit <https://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions/esg-historical-data/>

***Please note that the Morningstar Sustainability Rating and the Morningstar Low Carbon Designation, and any other rankings and scores, are updated monthly, typically 45 days after each month-end. The Fund's ESG data presented may not be as recent as the Fund's performance or holdings data. A Fund will not be assigned a fund-level ESG rating, ranking or score by Morningstar if it is new or does not have a sufficient enough portion of its assets under management qualified for rating according to Morningstar's Sustainability Rating for Fund Methodology and/or the Morningstar Low Carbon Designation Methodology, as applicable (see below for each methodology). Excluded from qualified holdings are short positions, cash and currency, derivatives and synthetic holdings; similarly, municipal bonds, commodities, real estate, and alternative investment types are not considered corporate or sovereign and are not currently eligible to contribute toward the overall rating. The Morningstar Sustainability Rating a Fund receives is determined relative to other funds in the same Morningstar Global Category, and a Fund could have similar ESG risk to another fund yet still receive a different rating if those funds are in different Global Categories. The Morningstar Global Category assignments help investors search for investments domiciled across the globe which have similar attributes, as described in Morningstar's Global Category Classifications at <https://www.morningstar.com/content/dam/marketing/shared/research/methodology/860250-GlobalCategoryClassifications.pdf>**

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The Fund's Morningstar Sustainability and Carbon ratings, rankings and scores evaluate the ESG aspects of the Fund's portfolio holdings and do not evaluate the efficacy of the Fund's ESG investment strategies and are not indicative of how well ESG considerations are integrated by the Fund. The full rating methodology employed by Morningstar can be found on their website on the following links: https://www.morningstar.com/content/dam/marketing/shared/research/methodology/744156_Morningstar_Sustainability_Rating_for_Funds_Methodology.pdf or <https://www.morningstar.com/research/signature>. A copy of the Morningstar Sustainability Rating Methodology or Morningstar Low Carbon Designation Methodology documents may also be obtained, free of charge, by contacting us at 1 (866) 383-6546 or insights@guardiancapital.com. Other providers may also prepare ESG ratings and rankings of mutual funds and ETFs based on their own methodologies, which may differ from the methodology employed by Morningstar.

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The Morningstar® Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Score™ is an asset-weighted average of Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Ratings* for corporate issuers in a fund's portfolio, based on 12-month historical holdings, updated monthly. The Sustainalytics' ESG Risk Rating measures the degree to which a company's economic value may be at risk driven by ESG factors. To receive a Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Score, at least 67% of a fund's corporate issuer holdings (long positions only) must have an ESG Risk Rating. The Portfolio Corporate Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a fund has, on average, more of its assets invested in companies with high ESG risk. A fund with a lower score indicates lower ESG risk.

The Morningstar® Portfolio Sovereign Sustainability Score™ is an asset-weighted average of Sustainalytics' Country Risk Ratings* for sovereign issuers in a fund's portfolio, based on 12-month historical holdings, updated monthly. The Sustainalytics' Country Risk Rating measures the risk to a country's long-term prosperity and economic development by assessing its wealth and its ability to managing its wealth sustainably. To receive a Portfolio Sovereign Sustainability Score, at least 67% of a fund's sovereign issuer holdings (long only) must have a Country Risk Rating. The Portfolio Sovereign Sustainability Score ranges between 0 to 100, with a higher score indicating that a fund has, on average, more of its assets invested in sovereign issuers with high ESG risk. A fund with a lower score indicates lower ESG risk.

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