



GUARDIAN CAPITAL®

## FUND FACTS

### Guardian Strategic Income Fund Series A

April 27, 2023

This document contains key information you should know about Series A Units of Guardian Strategic Income Fund (the "Fund"). You can find more detailed information in the Fund's simplified prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact Guardian Capital LP at 1 (866) 383-6546 or [insights@guardiancapital.com](mailto:insights@guardiancapital.com) or visit [www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions](http://www.guardiancapital.com/investmentsolutions).

**Before you invest in any fund, consider how the fund would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.**

**This Fund is an alternative mutual fund. It is permitted to invest in asset classes or use investment strategies that are not permitted for other types of mutual funds. The specific strategies that differentiate this Fund from other types of mutual funds include borrowing cash, engaging in short selling and investing in specified derivatives. While these strategies will be used in accordance with the Fund's objectives and strategies, during certain market conditions they may accelerate the pace at which your investment decreases in value.**

#### QUICK FACTS

Fund code:	(Series A) GCG102	Fund manager:	Guardian Capital LP
Date series started:	December 13, 2019*	Portfolio manager:	Guardian Capital LP
Total value on February 28, 2023:	\$133,772,441	Distributions:	Income, capital gains or capital – Monthly Capital gains – Annually (December)
Management expense ratio (MER):	2.23%	Minimum investment:	\$500 initial, \$25 additional
*Offered on a private placement basis since May 31, 2013			

#### WHAT DOES THE FUND INVEST IN?

The primary objectives of the Fund are to generate capital gains, preserve capital and make monthly distributions by investing primarily in securities that can benefit from changes to interest rates and credit spreads. The Fund aims to maintain low volatility and low correlation with traditional equity and fixed income markets.

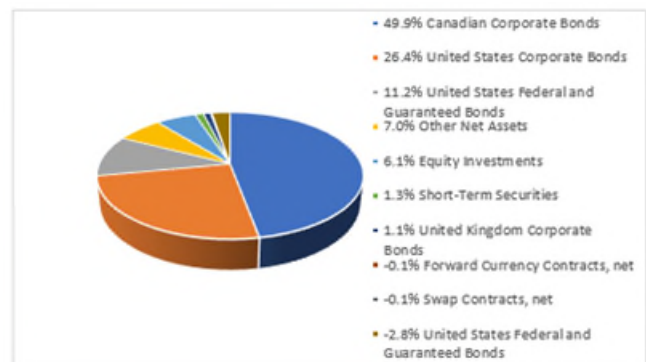
The Fund may use leverage through the use of cash borrowings, short sales and derivatives. The aggregate amount of cash borrowing and the market value of the securities sold short will not exceed 50% of the Fund's net asset value, and the aggregate amount of cash borrowing, the market value of the securities sold short and the notional amount of derivatives used for non-hedging purposes will not exceed 300% of the Fund's net asset value.

The charts below give a snapshot of the Fund's investments on February 28, 2023. The Fund's investments will change.

#### Top 10 investments (February 28, 2023)

	% of Fund's Net Asset Value
<b>Long Positions</b>	
1. U.S. Treasury Notes	11.2%
2. The Toronto-Dominion Bank	6.4%
3. Enbridge Inc.	3.9%
4. Ford Credit Canada Company	3.0%
5. AltaGas Limited	2.7%
6. Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2.6%
7. Rogers Communications Inc.	2.6%
8. Rithm Capital Corporation	2.6%
9. Vesta Energy Corporation	2.3%
10. Mattamy Group Corporation	1.9%
	<b>39.2%</b>
<b>Short Positions</b>	
11. U.S. Treasury Notes	(2.8%)
<b>Total percentage of top 10 investments:</b>	<b>36.4%</b>
<b>Total number of investments:</b>	<b>99</b>

#### Investment mix (February 28, 2023)



#### HOW RISKY IS IT

The value of the Fund can go down as well as up. You could lose money. One way to gauge risk is to look at how much a fund's returns change over time. This is called "volatility". In general, funds with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. Funds with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

#### RISK RATING

Guardian Capital LP has rated the volatility of this Fund as **low to medium**.

This rating is based on how much the Fund's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the Fund will be in the future. The rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.



For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the Fund's returns, see the "What are the risks of investing in the Fund?" section of the Fund's simplified prospectus.

### NO GUARANTEES

Like most mutual funds, this Fund doesn't have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

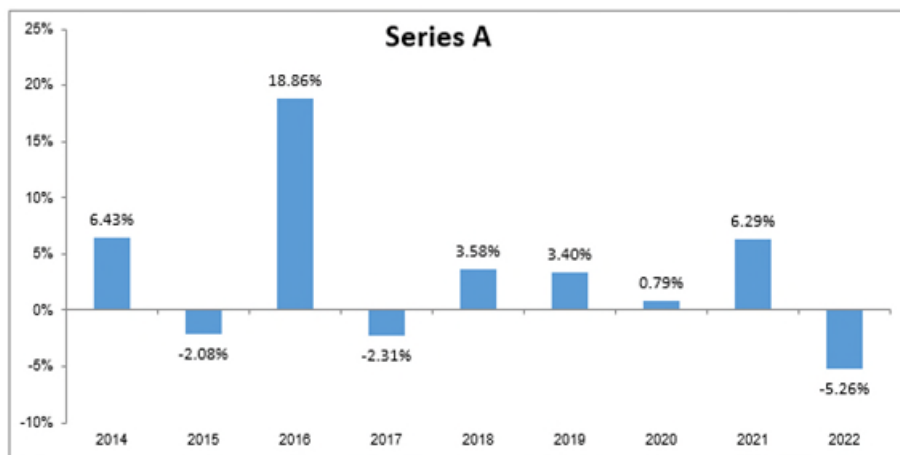
## HOW HAS THE FUND PERFORMED?

This section tells you how Series A Units of the Fund have performed over the past nine calendar years. Returns are after Fund expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the series' returns.

The Fund was not a reporting issuer before December 13, 2019. The expenses of the Fund would have been higher during such period had the Fund been subject to the additional regulatory requirements applicable to a reporting issuer. Guardian Capital LP obtained exemptive relief on behalf of the Fund to permit the disclosure of performance data of the Series A Units relating to the period prior to when the Fund was a reporting issuer.

### Year-by-year returns

This chart shows how Series A Units of the Fund have performed in each of the past nine calendar years. The series dropped in value in three of the past nine calendar years. The range of returns and change from year to year can help you assess how risky the series has been in the past. It does not tell you how the series will perform in the future.



### Best and worst 3-month returns

This table shows the best and worst returns for this series of the Fund in a 3-month period over the past nine calendar years. The best and worst 3-month returns could be higher or lower in the future. Consider how much of a loss you could afford to take in a short period of time.

	Return	3-months ending	If you invested \$1,000 at the beginning of the period
Best return	10.75%	May 31, 2016	Your investment would rise to \$1,107.51
Worst return	-8.88%	April 30, 2020	Your investment would drop to \$911.16

### Average return

A person who invested \$1,000 in this series since inception now has \$1,443.51. This works out to an annual compound return of 3.84%.

## WHO IS THIS FUND FOR?

### This Fund may be suitable for you if:

- You are looking for income and the potential for capital gains through investments in both investment grade and non-investment grade bonds.
- You are comfortable with low to medium investment risk.
- You plan to hold this investment for the medium to long term.

## A WORD ABOUT TAX

In general, you'll have to pay tax on any money you make on a Fund including your share of the Fund's earnings and on taxable capital gains from redeeming your investment. How much tax you pay depends on your tax rate, whether or not you hold the Fund in a registered plan and the type of earnings of the Fund (e.g. interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.). In general, you do not pay tax on your investments held in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, Tax-Free Savings Account or other registered plan.

If you hold your investment outside of a registered plan, you will receive a tax slip showing your share of the Fund's earnings. You must include the amounts shown in your taxable income whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested. You must calculate your taxable capital gains from redemption.

**HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

The following tables show the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell Series A Units of the Fund.

The fees and expenses – including any commissions – can vary among series of a fund and among funds. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other funds and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

**1. Sales charges**

You have to choose the initial sales charge option when you buy Series A Units. Ask about the pros and cons of this option.

Sales charge option	What you pay		How it works
	In percent (%)	In dollars (\$)	
Initial sales charge	0 to 5% of the purchase price of the Series A Units you buy	You will pay a fee of \$0 to \$50 on every \$1,000 you invest	You and your representative negotiate the fee, which may be up to 5% of the cost of the Series A Units, and you pay this fee to your representative's firm when you buy the Series A Units

**2. Fund expenses**

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the Fund's returns.

As of December 31, 2022, the Series A expenses of the Fund were 2.24% of its value. This equals \$22.40 for every \$1000 invested.

	Annual rate (as a % of the series' value)
<b>Management expense ratio (MER)</b> This is the total of the series' management fee (including the trailing commission), administration fee and other operating expenses.	2.23%
<b>Trading expense ratio (TER)</b> These are the series' trading costs.	0.01%
<b>Fund expenses</b>	2.24%

**Performance fee**

For any calendar year, the performance fee in respect of each Series A Unit is equal to 15% of the amount by which the Investment Performance of the series exceeds the aggregate of the High Water Mark and the cumulative Hurdle Amount during the Performance Period. Capitalized terms are defined in the simplified prospectus.

**More about the trailing commission**

The trailing commission is an ongoing commission. It is paid for as long as you hold Series A Units of the Fund. It is for the services and advice that your representative and their firm provide to you.

The trailing commission is paid to your representative's firm by the Manager, out of the management fee and is based on the value of your investment.

Amount of trailing commission	
In percent (%)	In dollars (\$)
An annual rate of 1.00% of the average daily value of the investment	\$10.00 each year on every \$1,000 invested

**3. Other fees**

You may have to pay other fees when you buy, hold, sell or switch Series A Units of the Fund.

Fee	What you pay
Switch Fee	0-2% of the value of Series A Units you switch. This fee is charged by your representative's firm.
Short-Term Trading Fee	2% of the current value of the Series A Units may be charged by us if you redeem or switch them within 45 days of purchase.

**WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?**

Under securities laws in some provinces and territories, you have the right to:

- (a) Withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual fund units within two business days after you receive a simplified prospectus or Fund Facts document, or
- (b) Cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you also have the right to cancel a purchase or, in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the simplified prospectus, Fund Facts document or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act with the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Contact Guardian Capital LP or your representative for a copy of the Fund's simplified prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the Fund Facts make up the Fund's legal documents.

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