

## Product Profile

### Product Details<sup>1</sup>

Fund Assets	\$2,071,020,500.78
Fund Inception Date	08/01/1986
Base Currency	CAD
Benchmark Name	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
Distribution Frequency	Monthly

#### Inception Date

Series O	11/24/2000
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### Fund Description

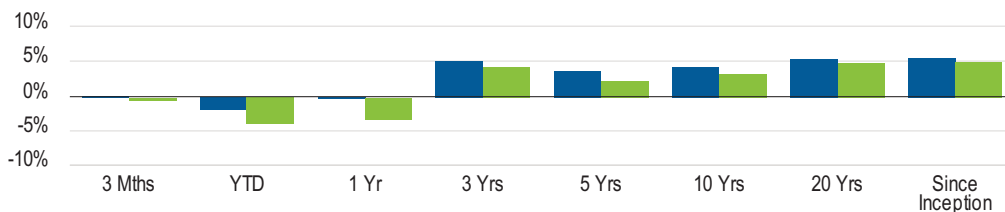
This Fund seeks high current income and some long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in Canadian federal and provincial government and corporate bonds, debentures and short-term notes. The Fund maintains an overweighted position in high-quality corporate and provincial issues and an underweighted position in Canadian federal bonds. The Fund may invest in foreign securities.

### Performance Data<sup>2</sup>

#### Average Annual Total Returns<sup>3</sup> (%)

	3 Mths	YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	20 Yrs	Since Inception (11/24/2000)
Series O	0.10	-1.80	-0.21	5.27	3.67	4.35	5.40	5.59
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	-0.51	-3.95	-3.35	4.32	2.29	3.33	4.91	5.06

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- Series O
- FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

#### Calendar Year Returns (%)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Series O	8.91	8.54	0.82	4.50	4.81	2.19	8.96	0.10	4.95	8.94
FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index	8.68	6.87	1.41	2.52	1.66	3.52	8.79	-1.18	3.60	9.67

1. All holdings are subject to change.

2. The fund offers other series subject to different fees and expenses, which will affect their performance.

3. Periods shorter than one year are shown as cumulative total returns.

Portfolio Manager Insight<sup>4</sup>

## Performance Review

## QUARTERLY KEY PERFORMANCE DRIVERS

HELPED	Asset allocation drove relative outperformance over the quarter. Overweight exposure to corporate credit with strength in loans and US high yield added to relative performance, as did underweighting provincial and federal bonds, which lagged index returns.
	Yield curve and duration positioning also lifted results. The Canadian yield curve slightly steepened as rates modestly increased, with long-term rates posting the largest move. The Fund's underweight to long bonds added to relative performance, along with exposure to the U.S. curve as U.S. rates outperformed Canadian rates.
	Security selection contributed more modestly, boosted by investment-grade financial and Canadian-dollar denominated high yield securities.
HURT	Within security selection, investment grade energy slightly detracted.
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## Outlook &amp; Strategy

- COVID-19 cases globally are falling after a fourth summer wave. U.S. restrictions have largely been lifted and Canada is not far behind as vaccination rates have ramped higher. Near-term economic aftershocks are, however, proving an impediment to recovery, especially on the supply side where labour shortages, lack of inventory and shipping delays in some industries have contributed to rising prices. Elevated inflation will prove sticky and likely continue through the rest of 2021 before receding early in 2022 as these problems are resolved.
- We expect corporate credit will continue to outperform due to the strong fundamental and technical backdrop, although returns are likely to be more subdued given current valuations. Overall, we remain methodical in our credit decisions and will continue to add selectively to corporate exposure where we see strong balance sheets, experienced management teams and solid business strategies.

Portfolio Characteristics<sup>a,b,c</sup>

	Portfolio	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
Weighted Average Yield to Worst	2.49%	1.80%
Average Credit Quality <sup>5</sup>	A	AA-
Average Coupon	3.72%	2.76%
Average Duration	7.85 Yrs	8.07 Yrs
Average Weighted Maturity	10.92 Yrs	10.87 Yrs

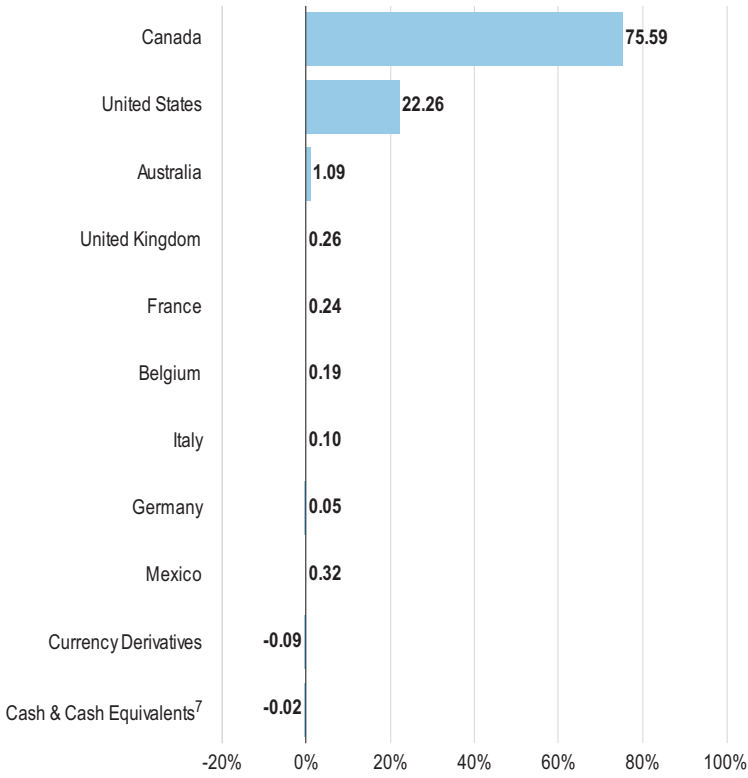
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5. The average credit quality (ACQ) rating may change over time. The portfolio itself has not been rated by an independent rating agency. The letter rating, which may be based on bond ratings from different agencies, is provided to indicate the average credit rating of the portfolio's underlying bonds and generally ranges from AAA (highest) to D (lowest). The ACQ is determined by assigning a sequential integer to all credit ratings AAA to D, taking a simple, asset-weighted average of debt holdings by market value and rounding to the nearest rating. The risk of default increases as a bond's rating decreases, so the ACQ provided is not a statistical measurement of the portfolio's default risk because a simple, weighted average does not measure the increasing level of risk from lower rated bonds. The ACQ is provided for informational purposes only. Derivatives are excluded from this breakdown.

Portfolio Diversification<sup>a,6</sup>

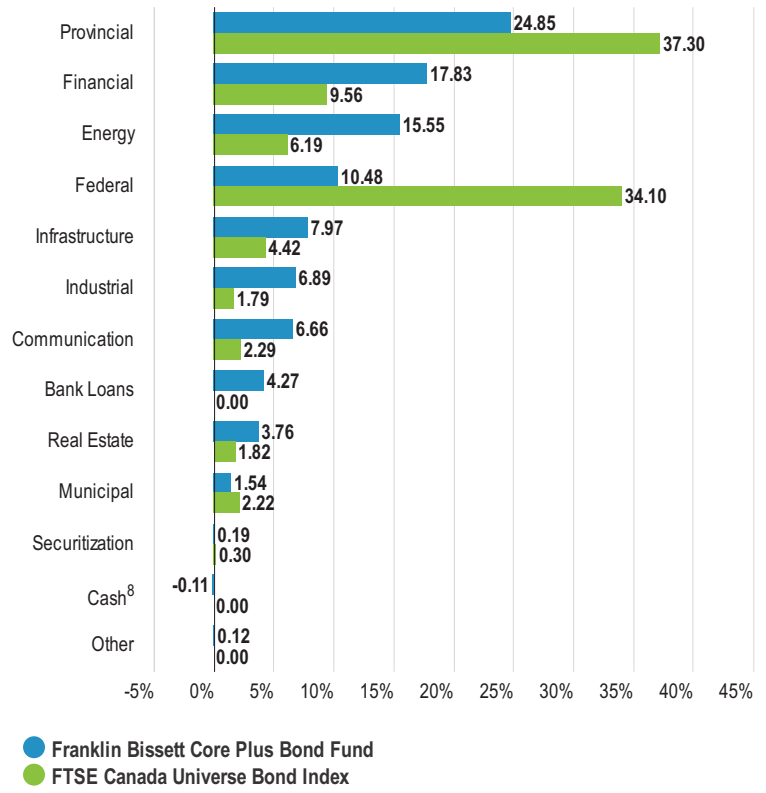
Geographic Allocation<sup>d</sup>

Market Value—Percent of Total



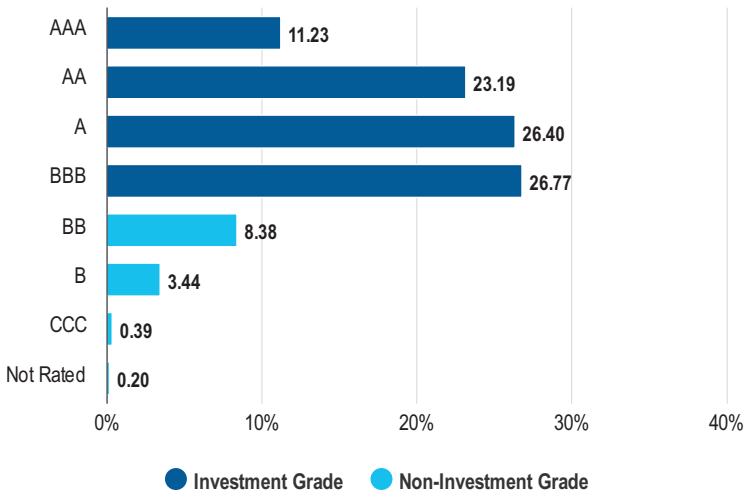
Sector Allocation vs. FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index<sup>d</sup>

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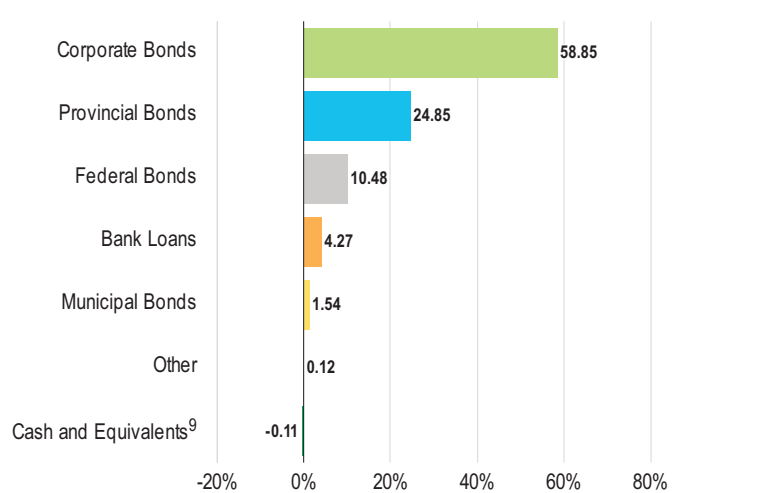
Credit Quality Allocation<sup>d</sup>

Market Value—Percent of Total



Asset Allocation<sup>d</sup>

Market Value—Percent of Total



6. Please note that the definition of cash in this document may not match the definition of “cash and cash equivalents” listed in the fund facts or management reports of fund performance for the fund, which includes bonds that have a remaining term to maturity of 365 days or less that are issued by certain governments, supranational agencies or financial institutions and have a “designated rating” (as defined in Canadian securities law). As such, the cash amounts listed may differ.  
 7,8,9. The negative cash position reflects a temporary position that is a result of a delay in securities settlement transactions.

## Supplemental Performance Statistics

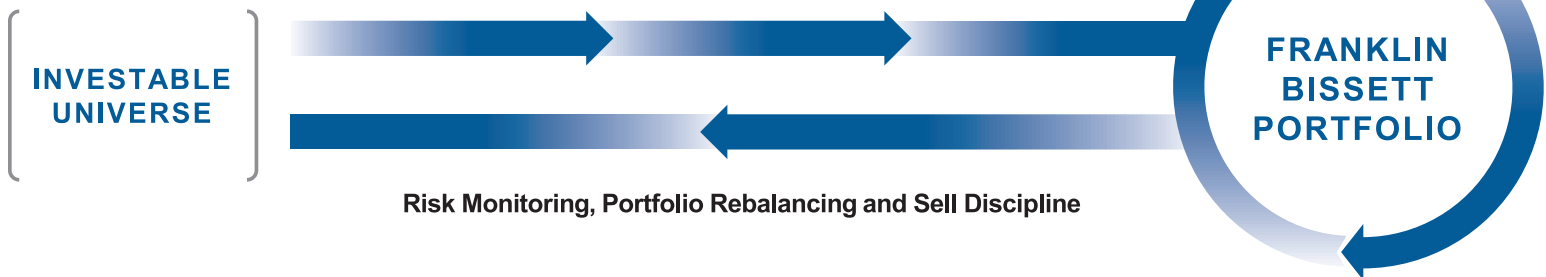
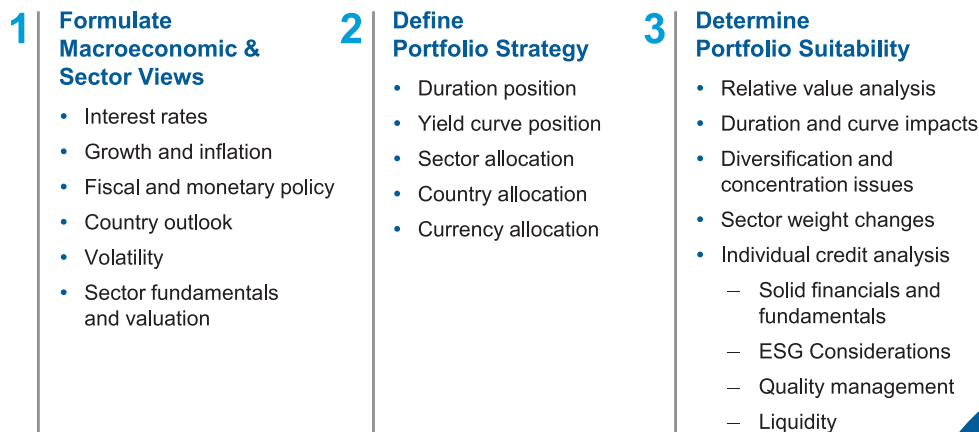
Supplemental Risk Statistics<sup>10,11</sup>

	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception
Standard Deviation (%)	5.52	4.84	4.19	3.98
Tracking Error (%)	1.98	1.60	1.40	1.20
Information Ratio	0.48	0.87	0.73	0.42
Beta	1.13	1.07	1.01	1.01
Sharpe Ratio	0.77	0.56	0.83	0.94

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Investment Philosophy and Process<sup>\*</sup>

1. Truly active portfolio management, focusing on Canada with potential for enhanced returns through global diversification
2. Superior long-term performance can be achieved by investing in bonds having favourable risk/return characteristics and backed by quality management with a whole stakeholder approach
3. Focus on interest rate risk alone is insufficient; successful fixed income investors also must be vigilant in managing credit risk and reinvestment risk
4. Consistent, superior absolute, relative and risk-adjusted performance



\*The above chart is for illustrative and discussion purposes only. The way we implement our main investment strategies and the resulting portfolio holdings may change depending on factors such as market and economic conditions.

## Investment Team

Portfolio Manager	Years with Firm	Years Experience
Darcy Briggs, CFA	16	27
Thomas O'Gorman, CFA	11	31

10. Beta, Information Ratio and Tracking Error information are measured against the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

11. Information Ratio is a way to evaluate a manager's ability to outperform a benchmark in relation to the risk that manager is assuming, with risk defined as deviation from the benchmark. This measure is calculated by dividing the portfolio's excess return (portfolio return less the benchmark return) by the tracking error (derived by taking the standard deviation of the monthly differences between the portfolio return and the benchmark return over time).

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## Glossary

**Average Duration:** A measure of the sensitivity of the price (the value of principal) of a fixed-income investment to a change in interest rates. Duration is expressed as a number of years.

**Average Weighted Maturity:** An estimate of the number of terms to maturity, taking the possibility of early payments into account, for the underlying holdings. Maturity is expressed as a number of years.

**Beta:** A measure of the magnitude of a portfolio's past share-price fluctuations in relation to the ups and downs of the overall market (or appropriate market index). The market (or index) is assigned a beta of 1.00, so a portfolio with a beta of 1.20 would have seen its share price rise or fall by 12% when the overall market rose or fell by 10%.

**Information Ratio:** In investing terminology, the ratio of expected return to risk. Usually, this statistical technique is used to measure a manager's performance against a benchmark. This measure explicitly relates the degree by which an investment has beaten the benchmark to the consistency by which the investment has beaten the benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio:** To calculate a Sharpe ratio, an asset's excess returns (its return in excess of the return generated by risk-free assets such as Treasury bills) are divided by the asset's standard deviation.

**Standard Deviation:** A measure of the degree to which returns vary from the average of its previous returns. The larger the standard deviation, the greater the likelihood (and risk) that performance will fluctuate from the average return.

**Tracking Error:** Measure of the deviation of the return of a product compared to the return of a benchmark over a fixed period of time. Expressed as a percentage. The more passively the investment is managed, the smaller the tracking error.

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c. Yield figures quoted should not be used as an indication of the income that has or will be received. Yield figures are based on the portfolio's underlying holdings and do not represent a payout of the portfolio. Past performance is not an indicator or a guarantee of future performance.

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