# INVESTMENT CONSULTING SERVICE

Asset Class: Fixed Income

## Strategy profile

CIBC Asset Management Inc. (CAM), manager of the Corporate Bond Fund strategy (the "strategy"), has chosen to invest in the Renaissance Corporate Bond Fund (the "fund") which is managed by CIBC Asset Management Inc.

### Investment manager(s)

#### CIBC Asset Management Inc.

CIBC Asset Management Inc. (CAM) is one of Canada's largest asset management firms. Today, the firm offers a global range of investment products to institutional, private and mutual fund investors. CAM is a member of the CIBC Group of Companies.

## Investment philosophy & process

To achieve its investment objectives, the strategy:

- intends to position the portfolio based primarily on security selection, sector allocation, and average term-to-maturity. Assets are allocated to those securities and sectors of the corporate bond market that are expected to outperform.
- undertakes a bottom-up analysis of corporate bond issuers combined with top-down analysis of an industry's potential in a given economic environment. For security selection, the focus is on issuer-specific fundamentals and quantitative modeling of valuations and liquidity to determine securities for consideration in the portfolio. Both technical and fundamental analysis will be utilized in the investment process to help position the average term-to-maturity.

Data as of June 30, 2024

## Strategy investment objective

The Corporate Bond Fund strategy invests in the Renaissance Corporate Bond Fund (the "fund"). The fund seeks to obtain a high level of current income by investing primarily in bonds, debentures, notes, and other debt instruments of Canadian issuers.

## Strategy investor suitability

The Corporate Bond Fund strategy is ideal for investors:

- seeking exposure to corporate bonds
- who are planning to hold their investments for the medium to long term

## Volatility rating

Low	Low to Medium	Medium	Medium to High	High
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## Strategy investment style

Investment	process:

Duration, quality, sector allocation and term structure

Investment style matrix:

	Short-Term	Medium-Term	Long-Term
Government			
Corporate			
High Yield			
Real Return Bond			

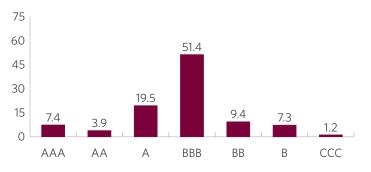
## Fund top ten holdings (%)

United States Treasury Bond, 2.875%, 05/15/2043	3.6
Ginnie Mae II	2.9
Athene Global Funding 2.47% 2028/06/9	1.8
Original Wempi Inc., 0.00%, 2027/01/09	1.6
Teranet Holdings LP 5.754% 2040/12/17	1.4
Bell Canada, 7.65%, 2031/12/30	1.4
SmartCentres REIT, 3.65%, 2030/12/11	1.3
Brookfield Infrastructure Finance ULC, 4.19%, 2028/09/11	1.2
Enbridge Inc., Variable Rate, 2077/09/27	1.2
Enbridge Inc., 7.20%, 2032/06/18	1.2
Total	17.5
Current number of holdings:	640

## Fund asset mix (%)



## Fund credit quality breakdown (%)



Due to rounding, amounts presented herein may not add up precisely to the total.

## ICS strategy information

The performance returns, risk statistics, and graphs shown in this section are based on a composite of ICS accounts invested in this strategy (the "ICS Composite"). Performance returns are expressed in Canadian dollars. For details on the ICS Composite, refer to the disclaimer on the last page of this document.

## Portfolio characteristics

	Corporate Bond Fund	FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index
Average Duration (yrs)	5.1	5.8
Average Maturity (yrs)	6.4	8.2
Average Weighted Coupon (%)	4.4	4.3
Average Credit Quality	BBB	А
Average Yield To Maturity (%)	5.8	4.9

## Trailing returns (%)

	3 Mths	YTD	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs
Corporate Bond Fund	1.2	2.4	7.8	7.0	0.7	2.2	3.4
FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	1.1	1.2	6.5	5.3	-0.1	1.4	2.7
Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	1.1	1.4	7.0	6.0	0.2	1.8	2.8

## Calendar year returns (%)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Corporate Bond Fund	8.9	-9.8	0.9	7.9	9.6	0.9	4.7	6.8	1.4	6.7
FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	8.4	-9.9	-1.3	8.7	8.1	1.1	3.4	3.7	2.7	7.6
Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	9.0	-10.0	-0.2	8.2	9.2	0.4	4.0	5.5	0.9	6.6

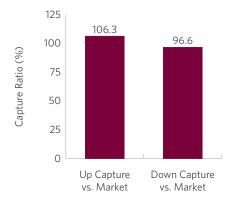
## ICS strategy information 5 Years as of June 30, 2024

## **Risk statistics**

	Std Dev (%)	Sharpe Ratio
Corporate Bond Fund	6.8	0.00
FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	6.2	-0.12
Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	6.5	-0.06

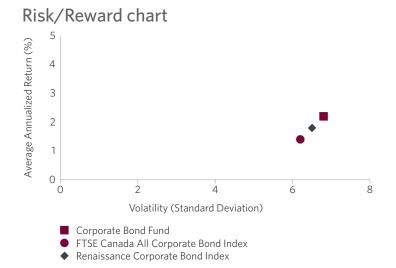
## Up/Down market capture

#### Corporate Bond Fund vs. FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index

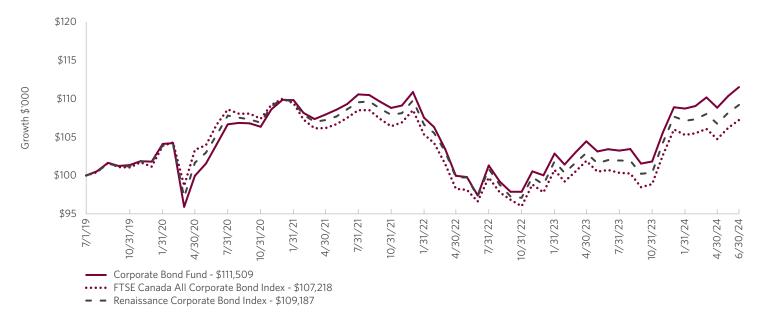


## Risk statistics - strategy vs. benchmark

	Beta vs. Market	Alpha vs. Market (%)	R-Squared vs. Market (%)
Corporate Bond Fund vs. FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	1.06	0.7	0.94
Corporate Bond Fund vs. Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	1.05	0.3	0.98



Growth of \$100,000



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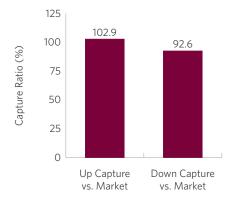
## ICS strategy information 7 Years as of June 30, 2024

## **Risk statistics**

	Std Dev (%)	Sharpe Ratio
Corporate Bond Fund	5.9	0.17
FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	5.5	0.05
Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	5.6	0.10

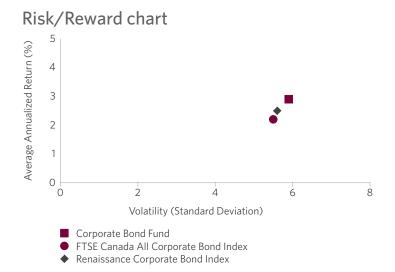
## Up/Down market capture

#### Corporate Bond Fund vs. FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index

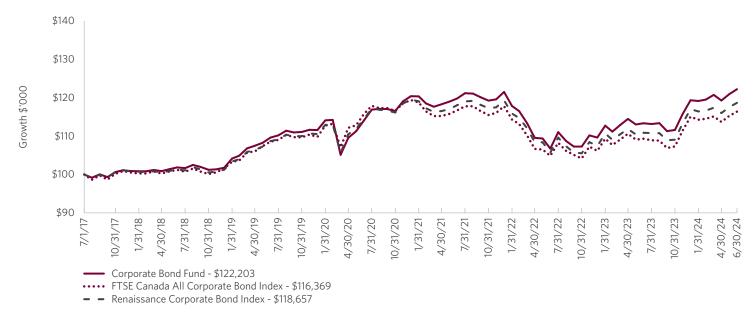


## Risk statistics - strategy vs. benchmark

	Beta vs. Market	Alpha vs. Market (%)	R-Squared vs. Market (%)
Corporate Bond Fund vs. FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	1.04	0.6	0.93
Corporate Bond Fund vs. Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	1.04	0.3	0.98



## Growth of \$100,000



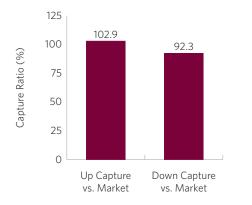
## ICS strategy information 10 Years as of June 30, 2024

## **Risk statistics**

	Std Dev (%)	Sharpe Ratio
Corporate Bond Fund	5.2	0.35
FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	4.9	0.25
Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	5.0	0.26

## Up/Down market capture

Corporate Bond Fund vs. FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index



## Risk statistics - strategy vs. benchmark

	Beta vs. Market	Alpha vs. Market (%)	R-Squared vs. Market (%)
Corporate Bond Fund vs. FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index	1.02	0.6	0.92
Corporate Bond Fund vs. Renaissance Corporate Bond Index	1.04	0.4	0.98



#### \$150 \$140 Growth \$'000 \$130 \$120 لزوبه المعادر المداري المدار \$110 \$100 1/31/15 4/30/15 7/31/15 0/31/15 1/31/16 4/30/16 0/31/18 1/31/19 4/30/19 7/31/19 0/31/19 1/31/20 7/31/20 7/31/20 10/31/21 7/31/21 10/31/22 4/30/22 7/31/22 1/31/22 1/31/22 1/31/23 10/31/23 7/31/16 1/31/17 4/30/17 7/31/17 0/31/17 1/31/18 4/30/18 7/31/18 4/30/24 5/30/24 0/31/16 1/31/24 1/1/2 0/31/1 Corporate Bond Fund - \$139,098 FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index - \$130,928 Renaissance Corporate Bond Index - \$132,220

## Growth of \$100,000

#### **ICS** Composite

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Composite performance returns are geometrically linked and calculated by weighting each ICS account's monthly performance, including changes in securities' values, and accrued income (i.e. dividends and interest), against its market value at the beginning of each month, as represented by the market value at the opening of the first business day of each month. Performance returns are expressed in CAD and are gross of ICS investment management fees, and other expenses, if any. Each ICS account's performance returns will be reduced by these costs.

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