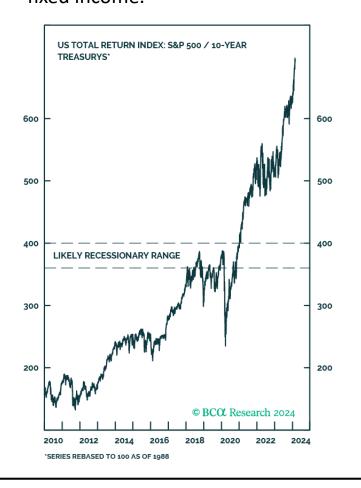


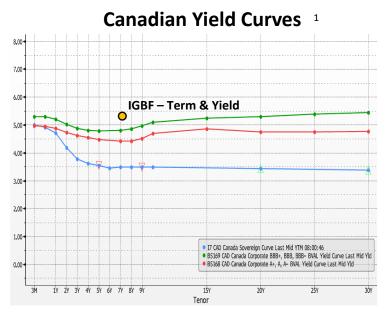
### RIDGEWOOD CANADIAN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND

Fund Code: MWM900

#### **Bond Market Outlook**

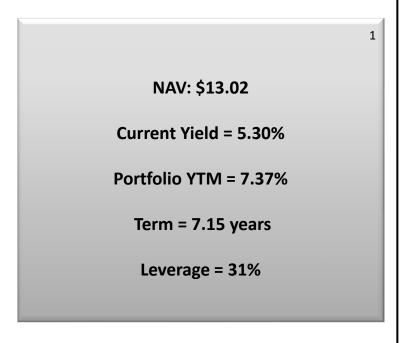
- Continued deceleration in retail sales is a clear sign that the economy is also trending towards lower output growth.
- Interest rate policy expected to shift towards easing in 2024/25.
- Market divergence with regards to how quickly rates are lowered and the absolute amount is resulting in an equity overvaluation relative to fixed income.



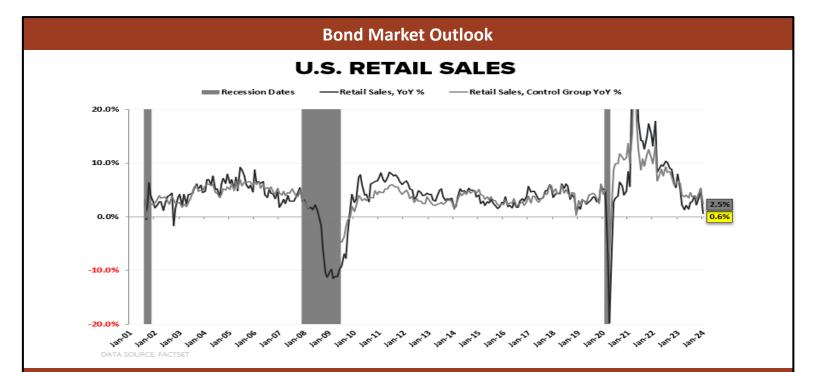


Source: Bloomberg

 The market advanced by 0.49%; IGBF overweighted in credit outperformed the market with a positive return of 1.00%







## **Portfolio Update**

- IGBF outperformed the index by 51 basis points in March due to our overweight exposure to banks and insurance bonds.
- The fund took profits during the month. Expectations are that new issuance and markets will lead to a buying opportunity. Positioned to capitalize on these shifts in the market.

### NAV Performance (net of fees) <sup>1</sup>

		FTSE	
	IGBF	Universe	Value Added
One Month	1.0%	0.5%	0.5%
YTD 2024	2.3%	-1.2%	3.5%
2023	7.0%	6.7%	0.3%
10 yr to Dec 2023	5.2%	2.4%	2.8%

## **Long Term NAV Performance**

Annual to Dec 31	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
RIB Fund, Net Performance	15.3	-1.6	18.8	9.0	15.1	3.0	5.5	8.8	2.2	14.3	12.0	2.4	-15.2	7.0
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Index	6.7	9.7	3.6	-1.2	8.8	3.5	1.7	2.5	1.4	6.9	8.7	-2.5	-11.7	6.7
Value-Added	6.5	-8.7	15.3	10.2	6.3	-0.4	3.8	6.3	0.8	7.4	3.3	4.9	-3.5	0.3
Annualized to Dec 31	14 yrs	13 yrs	12 yrs	11 yrs	10 yrs	9 yrs	8 yrs	7yrs	6yrs	5 yrs	4 yrs	3 yrs	2 yrs	1 yr
RIB Fund, Net Performance	6.6	5.9	6.6	5.5	5.2	4.1	4.3	4.1	3.3	3.5	1.0	-2.4	-4.7	7.0
FTSE TMX Canada Universe Index	3.0	2.8	2.2	2.1	2.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.3	0.0	-2.8	-2.9	6.7
Value-Added	3.5	3.1	4.3	3.4	2.7	24	27	2.6	2.0	22	1.0	0.4	-1 8	0.3

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#### Ridgewood Investment Grade Bond Fund – Conversion to Alternative Mutual Fund

Ridgewood is pleased to advise that we received approval on March 20, 2024 from unitholders to convert the Investment Grade Bond Fund from a closed end fund to an alternative mutual fund; as an alternative mutual fund, we will be using the daily NAV for pricing in the future and will continue to be allowed to use leverage in the fund.

The conversion was approved by 99.94% of votes cast at the meeting.

The fund (RIB.UN) has been delisted from the TSX at end of business March 22, 2024. The Investment Grade Bond Fund will be available to transact as an alternative mutual fund, using the daily NAV on April 15, on Fundserv. The fund code will be MWM900.

#### **Fund Facts**

- A unique opportunity for retail investors to access the investment grade bond market
- Focus on **Canadian issuers**, with up to 25% in non-Canadian investment grade bonds
- Actively managed with prudent use of leverage, up to 35% of the total assets of the fund may be borrowed
- Attractive monthly distribution yielding 4.88%<sup>1</sup>
- Experienced portfolio manager with over 20 years of fixed income experience, Mark J.
  Carpani, CFA has been responsible for managing the fund since its inception in 2009

# **Ridgewood Capital Asset Management**

- Ridgewood was founded in 2008 and manages \$1.4 billion for high net worth individuals and institutional clients
- A top quartile fixed income manager specializing in corporate bonds; fixed income assets represent 77% of total AUM
- The inception date of the Ridgewood Canadian Investment Grade Bond Fund (RIB.UN) was December 18, 2009

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