

RIDGEWOOD CANADIAN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND

Price: \$15.25¹

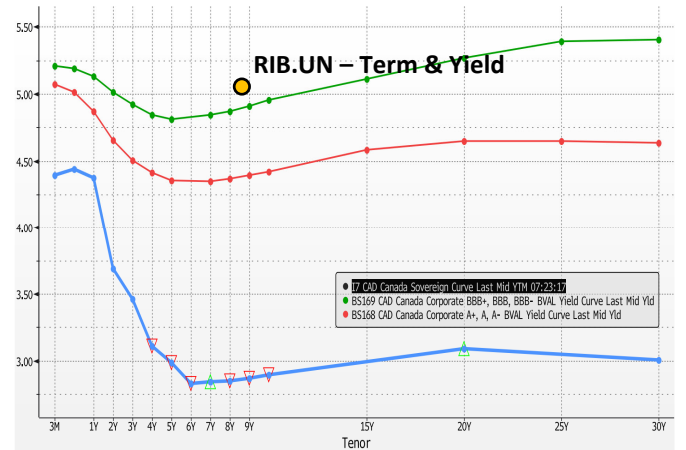
TSX: RIB.UN

Yield: 5.1%¹

Bond Market Outlook

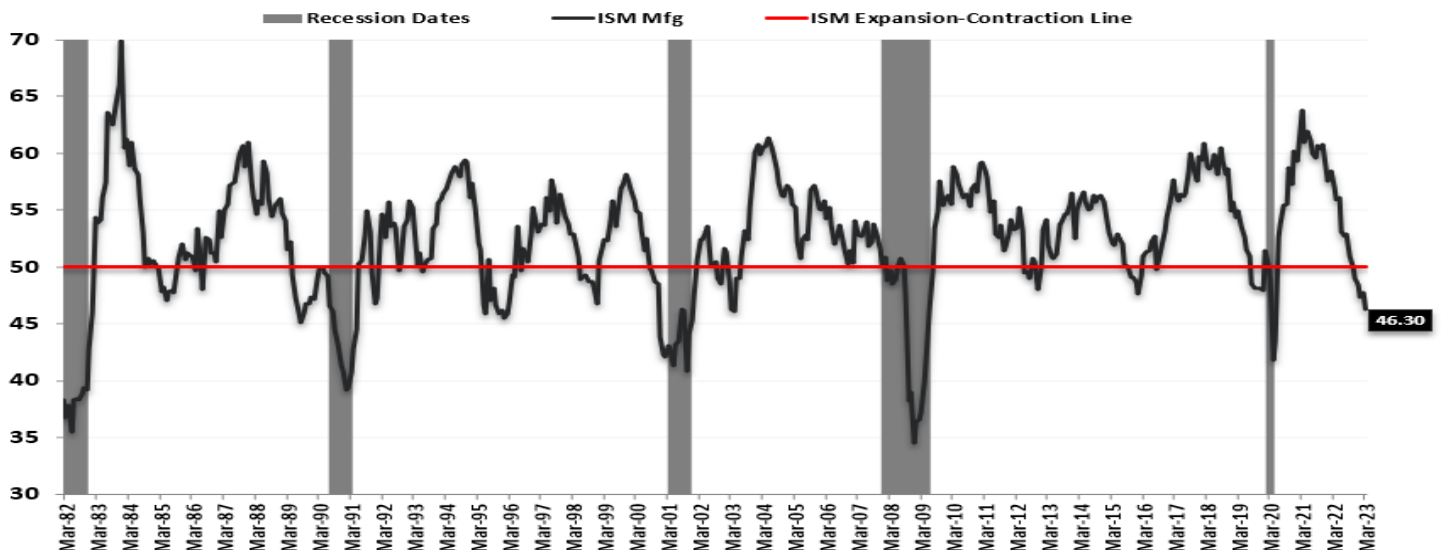
- Interest rates declined in March as the FOMC stopped their quantitative tightening program due to the Silicon Valley Bank failure.
- Adding to the positive back drop was a modest 25 basis point increase by the FOMC. The market was originally expecting 50 basis points.
- The Bank of Canada held rates steady at their policy meeting as they see growth slowing and do not want to increase the tightening of credit conditions.
- The Institute of Supply Management data is indicating recessionary conditions likely this year.
- Interest rates are more likely to fall than rise this year. Positive for bond investors.

Canadian Yield Curves ¹



Source: Bloomberg

ISM Manufacturing



DATA SOURCE: ISM

¹ as at Mar 31, 2023

Portfolio Update

- RIB underperformed as the Canadian bank bonds were treated with the same risk off treatment as U.S. and European banks due to the Credit Suisse failure
- We view this as temporary and are comfortable adding to our positions to lock in higher yields.

NAV Performance (net of fees) ¹

	RIB.UN	FTSE Universe	Value Added
One Month	0.0%	2.2%	-2.2%
YTD 2023	0.7%	3.2%	-2.5%
2022	-15.2%	-11.7%	-3.5%
2021	2.4%	-2.5%	4.9%
10 yr to Dec 2022	5.4%	1.6%	3.8%

RIB.UN Re-openings

- Nov 2021 deal for \$7.5 M at \$16.30
- May 2021 deal for \$19.3M at \$15.86
- April 2021 deal for \$8.1M at \$16.20
- December 2020 deal for \$11.7M at \$16.32
- August 2020 deal for \$8.2M at \$16.00
- March 2020 deal for \$11.9M at \$15.65
- June 2019 deal for \$5.6M at \$15.50
- February 2019 deal for \$7.3M at \$14.75

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 4.24%¹
- **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 \$1.3 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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