

RIDGEWOOD CANADIAN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND

Price: \$13.26¹

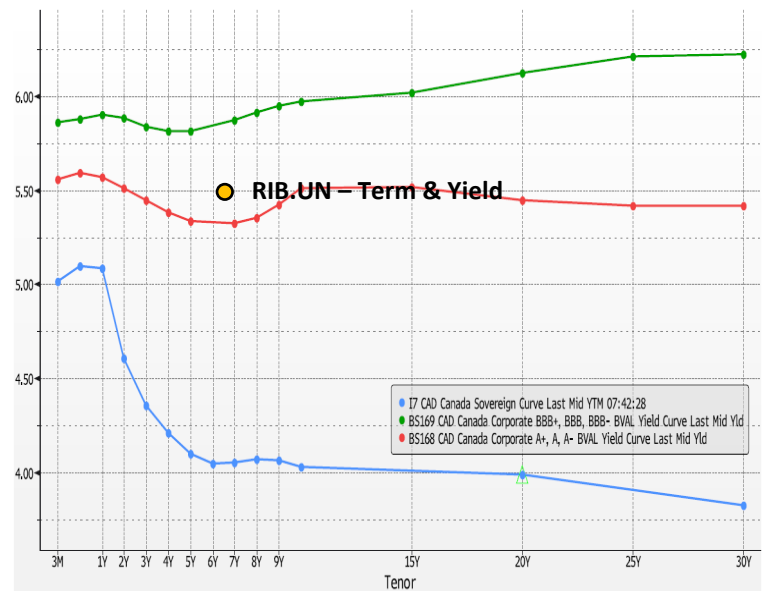
TSX: RIB.UN

Yield: 5.5 %¹

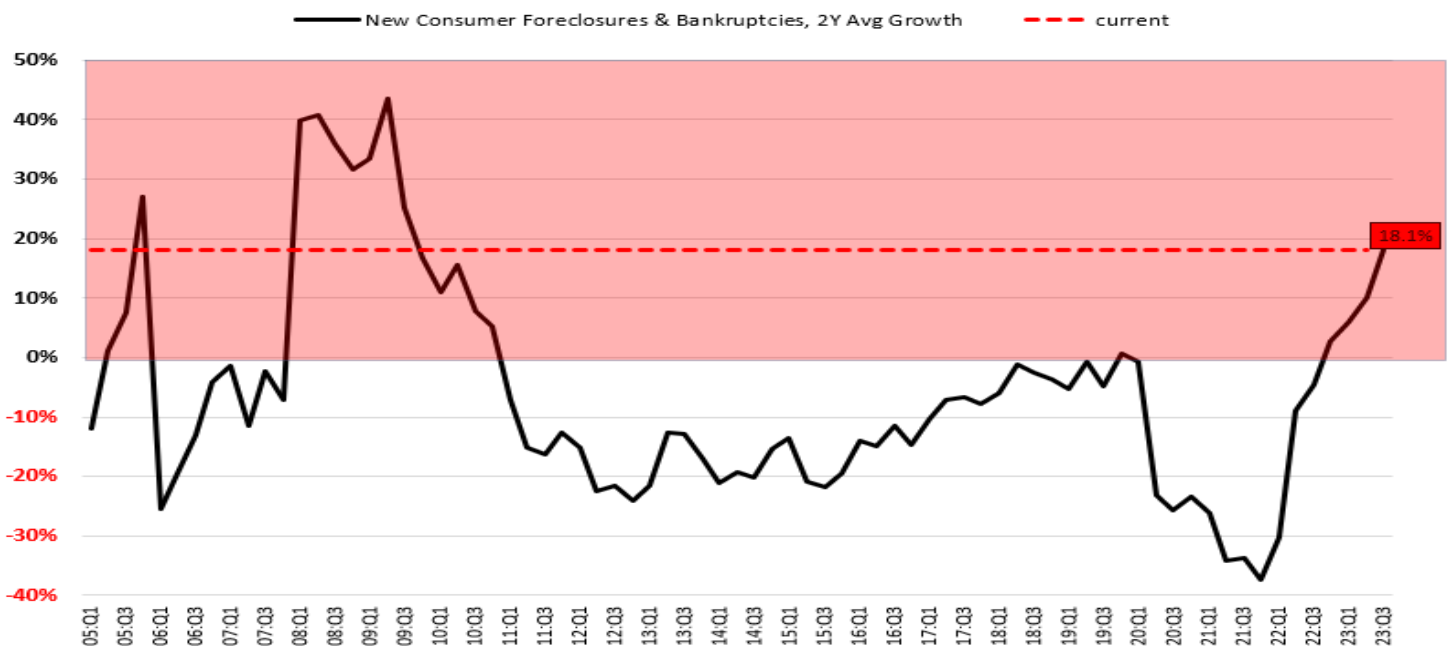
Bond Market Outlook

- The bond market had a massive rally on signs of significantly slowing inflation; US bonds had their biggest monthly return since 1985.
- The Central banks are likely at the end of their tightening cycle as we witness more evidence of a rapidly slowing economy.
- Canadian economy slowing with Q3 2023 Real GDP growth contracting by 1.1% (annualized Quarter-over Quarter % change); first two quarters saw growth of 2.5% and 1.4%, respectively.

Canadian Yield Curves ¹



Source: Bloomberg



Source: NY FED

Portfolio Update

- The portfolio's defensive posture earlier in the month resulted in an under performance relative to the index by 1.29%; RIB returned 3.00% for the month.
- We increased duration with new positions in Inter Pipeline 6.59% 2034, TransCanada Pipelines 4.35% 2046, Telus Corp. 5.95% 2053, and the new issue of Enbridge Pipelines Inc. 4.33% 2049; at the same time reducing short term bonds.

NAV Performance (net of fees) ¹

	RIB.UN	FTSE Universe	Value Added
One Month	3.0%	4.3%	-1.3%
YTD 2023	2.6%	3.2%	-0.6%
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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