

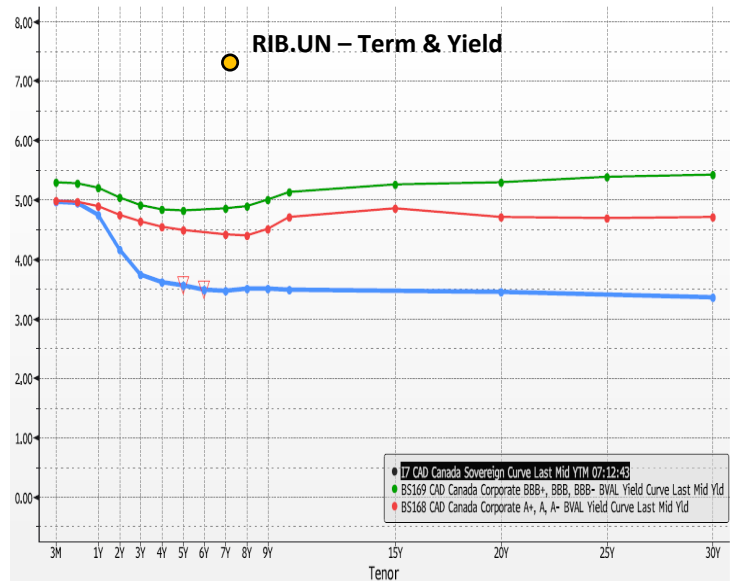
RIDGEWOOD CANADIAN INVESTMENT GRADE BOND FUND

TSX: RIB.UN

Bond Market Outlook

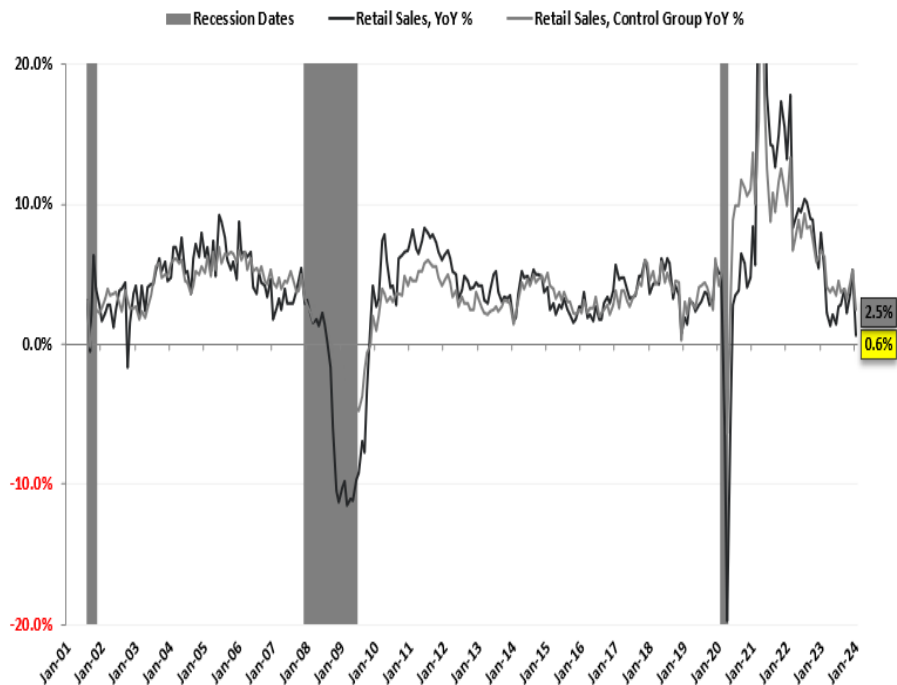
- Central banks have tamed inflation. Interest rates are at cycle highs with multiple cuts now expected for 2024/25
- Evolution of the business cycle still debatable, whether there is a soft landing or a mild recession. RIB is positioned well given it's overweight position in credit.
- Consumer spending is fading and economic growth will moderate over the next few months.

Canadian Yield Curves <sup>1</sup>



Source: Bloomberg

U.S. RETAIL SALES



DATA SOURCE: FACTSET

Market Price: \$12.90 <sup>1</sup>  
 NAV: \$12.95  
 Current Yield = 5.30%  
 Portfolio YTM = 7.32%  
 Term = 7.22 years  
 Leverage = 33%

<sup>1</sup> as at Feb 29, 2024

## Portfolio Update

- RIB outperformed the index by 129 basis points in February. Our overweight position in energy and financial sector bonds provided the alpha for unit holders.

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

|                   | RIB.UN | FTSE Universe | Value Added |
|-------------------|--------|---------------|-------------|
| One Month         | 1.0%   | -0.3%         | 1.3%        |
| YTD 2024          | 1.3%   | -1.7%         | 3.0%        |
| 2023              | 7.0%   | 6.7%          | 0.3%        |
| 2022              | -15.2% | -11.7%        | -3.5%       |
| 2021              | 2.4%   | -2.5%         | 4.9%        |
| 10 yr to Dec 2023 | 5.2%   | 2.4%          | 2.8%        |

- We increased our duration position and added to our insurance bond holdings.

## 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 4.93%<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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