Responsible Investment Funds in Canada

Highlights from Q2 2019



The Responsible Investment Association (RIA) reports on the quarterly performance of responsible investment (RI) funds in Canada.

Data provided by Fundata shows that 75% of Canadian RI funds outperformed their average asset class return within the second quarter of 2019, and nearly threequarters of RI funds outperformed over the one-year period ending June 30, 2019.

A majority of RI funds performed well over longer time periods, highlighting the long-term value of incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions. Nearly two-thirds of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over three and five years, while 58% of RI funds outperformed over the 10-year period.

In the **Canadian Equity Balanced** fund class, two-thirds of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return in the second quarter of 2019. The vast majority of RI funds outperformed over the oneyear, three-year, five-year and 10-year periods ending June 30, 2019.

In the **Canadian Fixed Income** fund class, the majority of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the short, medium and longterm periods reviewed. Over two-thirds of RI funds outperformed over the one-year period and more than half of RI funds outperformed over the three-year period. Nearly 90 percent of RI funds outperformed over the five-year and 10-year periods compared to their asset class average.

In the **Global Equity** fund class, 88 percent of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return for the quarter. A significant majority of RI funds in the category outperformed over the medium to long term.

In the **Global Equity Balanced** fund class, all of the RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-month and one-year periods. A significant majority of RI funds outperformed over the three-year, fiveyear and 10-year periods in the second quarter.

See the graphs below for a quick overview of notable RI fund performance in the second quarter of 2019.

Note: Average asset class return includes RI and non-RI funds.

Incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions is often a successful long-term strategy for investors. The evidence shows that responsible investment funds usually meet or exceed the performance of traditional investments.

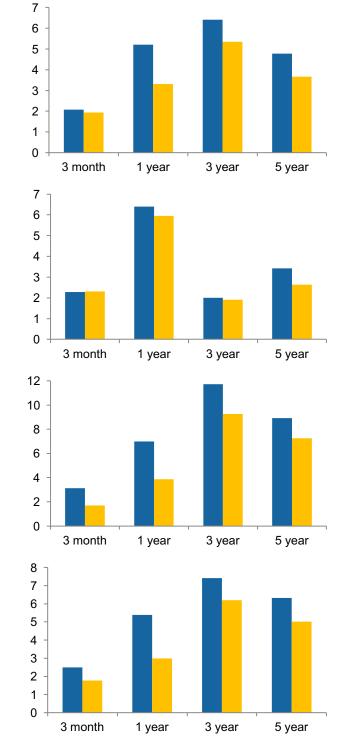
Average RI Fund vs. Average Asset Class Performance (%) to June 30, 2019



Canadian Equity Balanced

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Canadian Fixed Income

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