

Responsible Investment Funds in Canada

Highlights from Q3 2019



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

Data provided by Fundata shows that a majority of Canadian RI funds outperformed their average asset class return within the third quarter of 2019, and more than three-quarters of RI funds outperformed over the one-year period ending September 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 60% of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over three years and 70% outperformed over five years.

In the **Canadian Fixed Income** fund class, 82% of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-month period, and three-quarters of RI funds outperformed over the one-year period. More than half of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-year period, while 90% of RI funds outperformed over the five years ending September 30, 2019.

In the **Canadian Fixed Income Balanced** fund class, the majority of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the time periods reviewed. For the one year ending September 30, 2019, 87% of RI funds in this category outperformed their average asset class return. Over half of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-year period, while two-thirds of

RI funds outperformed over the five-year period.

In the **Canadian Equity Balanced** fund class, almost half of RI funds in this category outperformed their average asset class return in the third quarter of 2019. The vast majority of RI funds outperformed over the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ending September 30, 2019.

In the **Global Equity Balanced** fund class, 89% of RI funds outperformed their average asset class return for the quarter, and all RI funds outperformed their average asset class return for the one-year period. The vast majority of RI funds in this category outperformed their average asset class return over the medium and longer term periods reviewed.

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

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

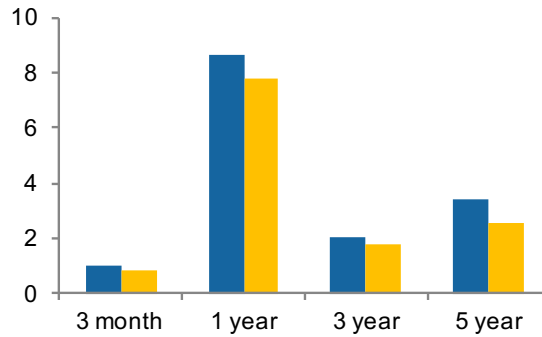
Incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions is often a successful long-term strategy for investors. The evidence shows that responsible investment funds usually meet or exceed the performance of traditional investments.

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



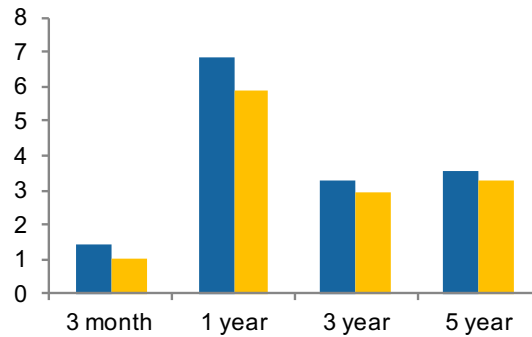
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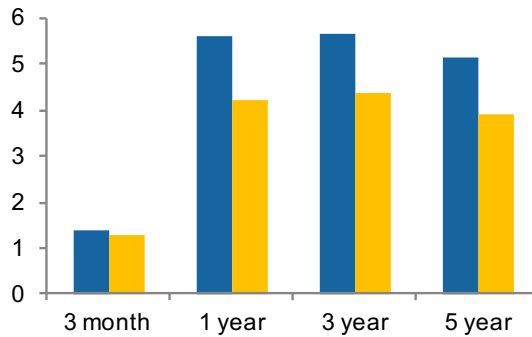
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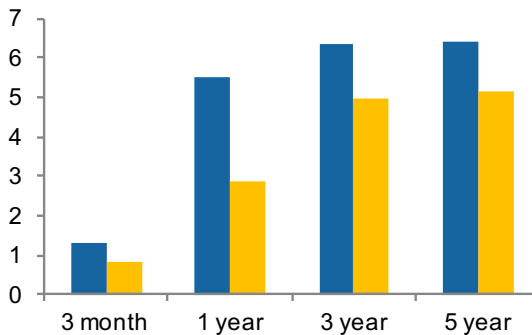
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