

Responsible Investment Funds in Canada

Highlights from Q1 2020



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

Data provided by Fundata shows that despite history-making market volatility in the first quarter of 2020, 83% of Canadian RI funds outperformed their average asset class return in the three-month period, and a significant majority (80%) outperformed over the one-year period ending March 31, 2020.

RI funds also performed well over longer-term periods relative to their average asset class return, highlighting the long-term value of incorporating environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions. More than seven-in-ten RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-year, five-year and ten-year periods ending March 31, 2020.

In the **Global Equity** fund class, nearly all of the RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-month and one-year periods ending March 31, 2020. The vast majority of RI funds in this category outperformed their average asset class return over the three-year, five-year and ten-year periods ending March 31, 2020.

In the **Canadian Fixed Income** fund class, all of the RI funds outperformed their average asset class return in the first quarter of 2020, and over 80% of the RI funds outperformed over the one-year period ending March 31, 2020. The vast majority of RI funds in this category outperformed their average asset class return over the three-

five- and ten-year periods reviewed in this report.

In the **Canadian Neutral Balanced** fund class, all of the RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-month and one-year periods ending March 31, 2020. A notable majority of the RI funds with performance data outperformed their average asset class return over the three-year and five-year periods ending March 31, 2020.

In the **Global Equity Balanced** fund class, all of the RI funds outperformed their average asset class return over the three-month, one-year, three-year and five-year periods ending March 31, 2020. Nearly all the RI funds with performance data outperformed their average asset class return over the ten-year period ending March 31, 2020.

See the graphs below for a quick overview of notable RI fund performance in the first quarter of 2020.

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

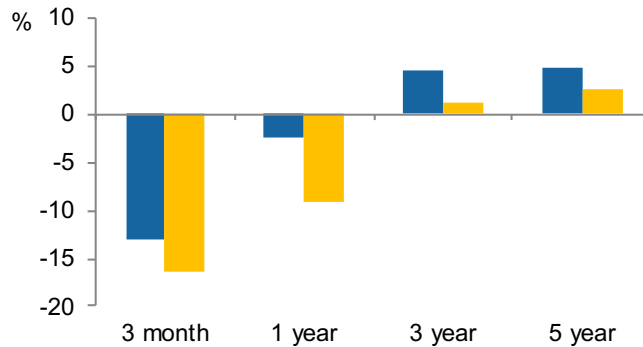
Incorporating environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors into investment decisions is often a successful long-term strategy for investors. The evidence shows that responsible investments usually meet or exceed the performance of traditional investments.

Average RI Fund vs. Average Asset Class Performance (%) to March 31, 2020



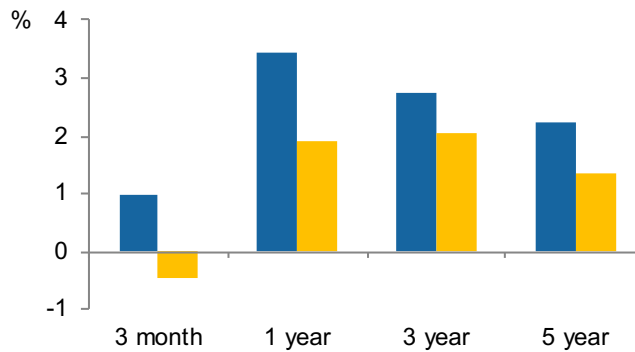
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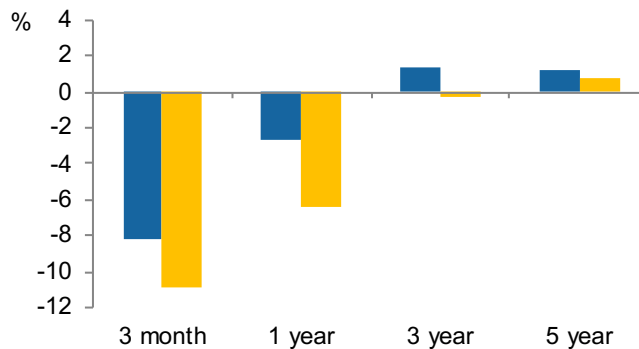
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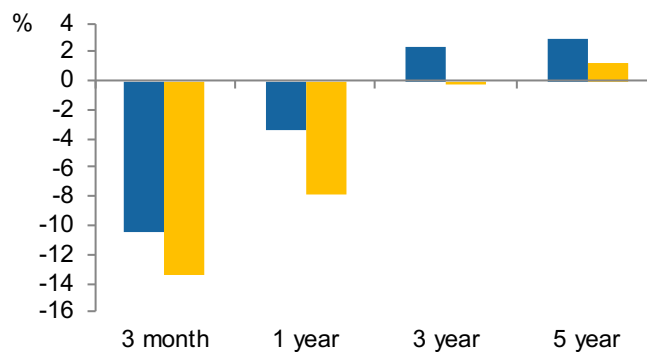
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