

# SHORT TERM BONDS

GROUP SAVINGS  
AND RETIREMENT

**Inception date:** January 1998

**FU170**

**TOTAL NET ASSETS: \$216.6 MILLION**

## Investment Advisor



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## Objectives of the Fund

- Oriented toward current income
- Moderate long-term capital growth
- Conforms to a medium- to long-term investment horizon

## Investment style

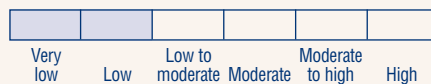
Interest rate forecasts

## Investment limits

	Min.	Max.
Short term	0%	20%
Bonds	80%	100%

The average duration of the portfolio must be situated between 50% and 200% of the duration of the DEX Short Term Bond Index.

## Risk level

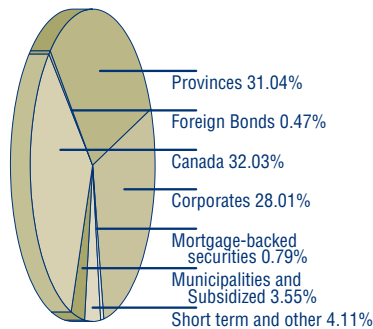


## Commentary

The fund is managed according to a management style primarily based on securities selection and issuers. The manager also integrates interest rate anticipation in his management process. The fund is characterized by a short and medium term maturity, which minimizes the impact of interest rate fluctuations while generating a good income.

## Asset mix of the Fund

As at December 31, 2011



## Characteristics of the Fund

As at December 31, 2011

### Bond and Short term Portfolios

Average rating - Bonds	AA
Average term	2.92 years
Modified duration	2.57 years
Average coupon	3.57%
Yield at cost	2.18%
Yield at market value	1.66%

## Performance - Gross returns

Returns before deduction of management and administration fees.

### Compound returns

As at December 31, 2011 / YTD	1 month	3 months	6 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	5 years	7 years	10 years	
Fund	5.0	0.5	0.5	3.0	5.0	4.7	5.2	4.8	4.5	4.9
Reference Index <sup>1</sup>	4.7	0.5	0.5	2.8	4.7	4.1	4.3	5.1	4.5	4.8

### Annual returns

As at December 31	11	10	09	08	07	06	05	04	03	02
Fund	5.0	4.4	6.2	4.7	3.7	4.0	3.3	5.4	5.3	6.7
Reference Index <sup>1</sup>	4.7	3.6	4.5	8.6	4.1	4.0	2.4	5.1	5.1	6.3

<sup>1</sup> DEX Short term Bond Index.

Past performance is not a guarantee of future returns.