
SLGI ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE

for the period ended December 31, 2021

Sun Life BlackRock Canadian Universe Bond Fund



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Securityholders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the investment fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

SLGI Asset Management Inc. (the "Manager") is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objectives and Strategies

The fundamental investment objectives of the Sun Life BlackRock Canadian Universe Bond Fund (the "Fund") are to provide income by replicating, to the extent possible, the performance, net of fees, of a broad and recognized Canadian bond market index (the "Index"). The fund invests directly in fixed income securities included in the Index and/or may achieve indirect exposure to some or all of the Index by investing in exchange-traded funds, mutual funds or derivatives that are correlated to the performance of the Index.

The Fund's sub-advisor is BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited (the "Sub-Advisor"). The Sub-Advisor invests the Fund directly in fixed income securities included in the Index and/or may achieve indirect exposure to some or all of the Index by investing in exchange-traded funds, mutual funds or derivatives that are correlated to the performance of the Index. A passive investment strategy is followed and the bonds selected for inclusion in the portfolio will have aggregate investment characteristics such as sector, credit quality, yield and term to maturity similar to those of the bonds comprising the Index.

Risk

There were no changes in the Fund's investment objectives or strategies during the period which materially impacted the overall level of risk in the Fund.

Results of Operations

During the period, the net asset value of the Fund increased from \$1.1 billion to \$1.2 billion due to positive net sales, partially offset by negative performance.

During the period, the Fund returned -2.5% for Series I securities, this result equalled the Fund's benchmark, FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, which returned -2.5%. Please refer to the 'Past Performance' section of this report for performance of each series.

The Canadian economic backdrop improved during the reporting period as the pandemic eased. This led investors to favour equities over bonds. The improving economic backdrop was negative for bond returns as interest rates rose during the period. The FTSE Canadian Universe Bond Index delivered negative returns. Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds. Industries most negatively impacted by the pandemic, such as Energy and Industrials gained from the re-opening. The Fund tracks the performance and risk profile of the benchmark and did as expected.

Recent Developments

Global equity markets went up after the arrival of COVID-19 vaccines in 2021. Billions of dollars of stimulus spending by governments worldwide also helped fuel the stock markets. Central banks around the world lowered or kept their benchmark interest rates low to aid the economic recovery. However, reasons for caution have not gone away. The market turned volatile during the second half of the year. Investors shifted their attention to challenges facing COVID-19. The concerns included the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19. The rising cases weighed on the stock markets. The Manager cautioned a slowdown in global growth pending the COVID-19 variant infection rates. Supply chain disruption, rising inflation and the expected tapering of bond purchases in 2022 were also top concerns.

On 24 February 2022, Russia launched a large-scale military invasion of Ukraine. Russian markets were subsequently suspended. Various international sanctions have been levied against Russia. The broader impact to the region and around the world is still unfolding. The Manager cautions that the current global uncertainty with respect to this military invasion and its effect on the broader global economy may have a significant impact to the volatility of financial markets. While the precise impacts remain unknown, continued military conflict may have a material adverse effect on global economic activity. This could disrupt global supply chains, operations, and mobility of people. This also could affect interest rates, credit ratings, credit risk, inflation, business, financial conditions, results of operations and other factors relevant to Fund performance.

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Related Party Transactions

SLGI Asset Management Inc. is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. For its services, the Manager receives a management fee that is calculated as a percentage of the average net asset value of the Fund. This fee is calculated daily and payable monthly.

The Manager is responsible for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations, including providing or arranging for the provision of investment advice, bookkeeping, recordkeeping and other administrative services for the Fund.

As trustee, the Manager holds legal title to the Fund's investments in trust for securityholders.

As portfolio manager, the Manager is responsible for managing the investment portfolio of the Fund directly or through sub-advisors. The Manager has retained BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited to act as a sub-advisor for the Fund.

This Fund may have direct or indirect holdings in Sun Life Financial Inc. or its affiliates or other funds managed by the Manager or its affiliates. Funds managed by the Manager, or its affiliates, may invest in securities of this fund.

Fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Sun Life Funds' Independent Review Committee ("IRC") are allocated to the series to which they apply in a manner that, in the Manager's view, is considered fair and reasonable. The amounts of these charges are disclosed in the line item "Independent review committee fees" in the Fund's Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss).

The Manager has a distribution agreement with Sun Life Financial Investment Services (Canada) Inc. (the "Dealer"), a company under common control under which the Dealer may distribute securities of the funds offered by the Manager in the jurisdictions in which the Dealer is so authorized.

Fund Administrative Expenses

The Manager pays certain operating expenses of the Fund (the "Administration Expenses") in return for a fixed administration fee paid to the Manager by the Fund ("Administration Fee"). The Administration Fee is based on the net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund. The Administration Expenses include, but are not limited to, record keeper fees, accounting, audit and legal fees, bank and interest charges, safekeeping and custodial fees, taxes, administrative and systems costs, costs of reports to investors, prospectuses and other disclosure documents, regulatory filing fees (including those incurred by the Manager) and trustee fees for registered plans. The amount of this charge is disclosed as Fixed annual administration fees in the Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income found in the annual financial statements.

The Fund also pays certain operating expenses directly (the "Fund Costs"). Fund Costs include: borrowing costs incurred by the Fund from time to time; costs in connection with portfolio transactions; fees and expenses payable to or in connection with the Fund's IRC; taxes payable by the Fund; and the costs of complying with any new regulatory or legal requirement imposed on the Fund. The Fund allocates Fund Costs proportionately among each series of securities of the Fund to which they apply. The Fund Costs that are specific to a series of securities are allocated to that series. These amounts are paid out of the assets attributed to each series of securities of the Fund, which reduces the return you may receive.

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Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the previous five years or for the periods since inception to December 31, 2021.

The Fund's Net Asset Value per Security (\$) ⁽¹⁾

Sun Life BlackRock Canadian Universe Bond Fund - Series I

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Net asset value, beginning of period	11.10	10.71	10.31	10.48	10.53
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenue	0.28	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.32
Total expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Realized gains (losses) for the period	(0.01)	0.20	(0.01)	(0.07)	(0.05)
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	(0.49)	0.31	0.35	(0.09)	(0.03)
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	(0.22)	0.81	0.65	0.15	0.24
Distributions:					
From income (excluding dividends)	(0.28)	(0.31)	(0.31)	(0.31)	(0.31)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.11)	-	-	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total annual distributions ⁽³⁾	(0.28)	(0.42)	(0.31)	(0.31)	(0.31)
Net asset value, end of period	10.53	11.10	10.71	10.31	10.48

⁽¹⁾ This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

⁽²⁾ Net Assets and distributions are based on the actual number of securities outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of securities outstanding over the financial period.

⁽³⁾ Distributions were paid in cash, reinvested in additional securities of the Fund, or both.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

Sun Life BlackRock Canadian Universe Bond Fund - Series I

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total net asset value (\$000s) ⁽¹⁾	1,228,269	1,071,644	1,669,576	1,199,764	1,062,441
Number of securities outstanding (000s) ⁽¹⁾	116,597	96,588	155,846	116,343	101,359
Management expense ratio (%)	-	-	-	-	-
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (%) ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-
Trading expense ratio (%) ⁽³⁾	-	-	-	-	-
Portfolio turnover rate (%) ⁽⁴⁾	18.30	42.40	20.04	25.67	30.98
Net asset value per security (\$) ⁽¹⁾	10.53	11.10	10.71	10.31	10.48

⁽¹⁾ This information is provided as at December 31 of the period shown, as applicable.

⁽²⁾ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding broker commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) including the Fund's allocated percentage of Fund-on-Funds' expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.

⁽³⁾ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.

⁽⁴⁾ The Fund's portfolio turnover ratio indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio manager manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover ratio of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover ratio in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high portfolio turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

Management Fees

The maximum annual management fee paid by the Fund is a percentage of the average daily net asset value of each series of securities of the Fund exclusive of any applicable taxes and operating expenses, which is accrued daily and is paid to the Manager monthly in arrears. Management fees pay for portfolio and investment advisory services, oversight of any service providers, marketing and promotional activities, arranging for the distribution and sale of securities of the Fund, general administration of Fund operations and sales and trailing commissions paid to dealers.

Series I management fees are not paid by the Fund. Series I investors negotiate management fees and pay directly to the Manager.

Past Performance

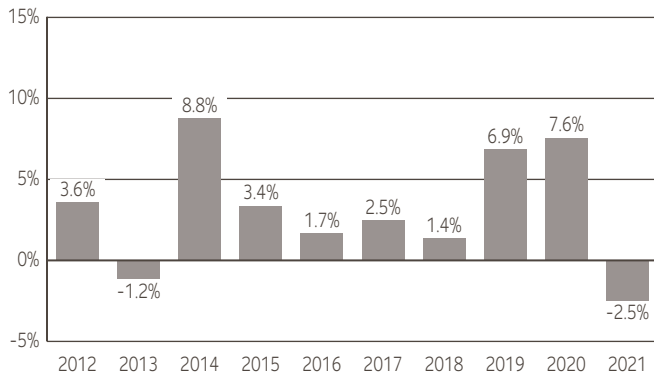
The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, other optional charges or income tax payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

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Year-by-Year Returns

The following bar chart shows the Fund's annual performance for the period shown. The chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial year.

Series I Securities – Annual return for the period ended December 31, 2021



Annual Compound Returns

The table compares the historical annual compound total returns of Series I securities of the Fund with the following benchmark and broad-based index, if applicable:

The benchmark (the "Benchmark") is composed of: FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

The Series I securities equalled the benchmark over the past year, but underperformed over the past ten years, over the past five years, and over the past three years.

A discussion of the Fund's performance compared to its benchmark and broad-based index or indices, if applicable, can be found in the Results of Operations section.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Performance Start Date ⁽¹⁾
Series I	(2.5)%	3.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.8%
Benchmark	(2.5)%	4.2%	3.3%	3.3%	4.0%

⁽¹⁾ The performance start date for Series I securities was April 15, 2011.

INDEX DESCRIPTION(S)

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index is a market capitalization weighted index composed of investment grade, fixed coupon, government and corporate bonds, issued in Canada and denominated in Canadian dollars, with a remaining term to maturity of at least one year.

Summary of Investment Portfolio*

as at December 31, 2021

Top 25 Investments

Holding Name	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
1 Canadian Government Bond, 1.50%, Jun 01, 2031	1.5
2 Canadian Government Bond, 0.50%, Dec 01, 2030	1.3
3 Canadian Government Bond, 2.75%, Dec 01, 2048	1.1
4 Canadian Government Bond, 1.25%, Jun 01, 2030	1.1
5 Canadian Government Bond, 2.00%, Dec 01, 2051	1.1
6 Province of Quebec, 3.50%, Dec 01, 2048	1.1
7 Canadian Government Bond, 1.75%, Dec 01, 2053	0.9
8 Canadian Government Bond, 0.50%, Sep 01, 2025	0.9
9 Canada Housing Trust No 1, 2.90%, Jun 15, 2024	0.9
10 Canadian Government Bond, 2.00%, Sep 01, 2023	0.8
11 Canadian Government Bond, 0.25%, Mar 01, 2026	0.8
12 Province of Ontario, 2.90%, Dec 02, 2046	0.8
13 Canadian Government Bond, 0.25%, Apr 01, 2024	0.8
14 Province of Ontario, 2.65%, Dec 02, 2050	0.8
15 Canadian Government Bond, 2.25%, Jun 01, 2025	0.7
16 Province of Ontario, 2.90%, Jun 02, 2049	0.7
17 Province of Ontario, 2.60%, Jun 02, 2025	0.7
18 Canadian Government Bond, 0.25%, Feb 01, 2023	0.7
19 Canadian Government Bond, 0.25%, May 01, 2023	0.7
20 Province of Ontario, 3.45%, Jun 02, 2045	0.7
21 Canada Housing Trust No 1, 1.95%, Dec 15, 2025	0.7
22 Canadian Government Bond, 1.50%, Dec 01, 2031	0.7
23 Canadian Government Bond, 1.75%, Mar 01, 2023	0.7
24 Canada Housing Trust No 1, 2.35%, Sep 15, 2023	0.7
25 Province of Ontario, 2.60%, Jun 02, 2027	0.6
	21.5
Total Net Asset Value (000s)	\$ 1,228,269

Sector Allocation

	Percentage of Net Asset Value of the Fund (%)
Canadian Provincial Government Bond	37.1
Canadian Federal Government Bond	32.7
Canadian Corporate Bond	28.0
Canadian Municipal Government Bond	1.5
Other Assets less Liabilities	0.5
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.2
	100.0

^(*) All information is as at December 31, 2021. The summary of investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Unless otherwise noted positions are long. You may obtain quarterly updates to these holdings free of charge by calling us at 1-877-344-1434, visiting our website at www.sunlifeglobalinvestments.com or by sending an email to us at info@sunlifeglobalinvestments.com.

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