

# **FUND COMMENTARY**

# Purpose Canadian Financial Income Fund

## **FUND DETAILS**

ETF SERIES BNC
MGMT FEES 0.55%

CLASS F PFC2401
MGMT FEES 0.55%

CLASS A PFC2400
MGMT FEES 1.55%

Inception date: OCT. 26, 2016

DISTRIBUTION FREQUENCY **Monthly** 

DISTRIBUTION TYPE
Canadian Dividends &
Return Of Capital

FUND STRUCTURE
Corporate Class

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### **MARKET OVERVIEW**

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To begin the third quarter, equities steadily moved higher as the economy continued to recover to pre-pandemic levels and corporate earnings remained stronger than expected. On a sector basis, Financials and Utilities broadly outperformed, and at the other end of the spectrum, Industrials and Materials struggled. In September, however, markets experienced their first monthly loss since February, following concerns over the implications of the coronavirus Delta variant and inflation fears stemming from supply disruptions and energy shortages in the U.K. The Federal Reserve's stimulus policy path was also in the spotlight as it announced preparations to slow the pace of its asset purchases and surprised the market by bringing forward the path to hike interest rates in 2022. This impacted bonds negatively as well as stocks, which resulted in

one of the worst months for 60/40 allocations in over a year.

Overall, markets remained resilient in Q3, but investors were reminded during the final few weeks of September that multiple macroeconomic unknowns will be resolved in the near future, and that while fundamentals remain positive, an increase in volatility should be expected.

# FUND PERFORMANCE AND POSITIONING

BNC had a strong performance this quarter. TD ended the quarter as the loss leader, detracting almost 21 bps of performance. On the other hand, National Bank was the quarter's top performer returning 56bps to help offset losses. This quarter, earnings and capital among Canadian banks were at a record high. Aggregate earnings across the banks exceeded \$14 billion, while the average common equity Tier 1 capital ratio was 12.8%, which is an all-time high. Many of the portfolio banks are poised to significantly raise dividends in the coming quarters, should OFSI allow it. Most Canadian banks released part of their credit allowances during Q3 2021, in anticipation of the declining value of non-performing loans as the economy improves. These onetime gains are an important theme that we will continue to monitor.

# FUND PERFORMANCE (CURRENCY HEDGED SHARES)

AS OF SEP 30, 2021

CLASS	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	YTD	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
ETF	-0.58%	1.00%	6.48%	23.06%	41.05%	10.03%
F	-0.58%	1.01%	6.50%	23.10%	41.10%	10.04%
A	-0.67%	0.73%	5.91%	22.10%	39.57%	8.85%

#### **PORTFOLIO REBALANCING**

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Weighting	Equal Weight	
Methodology	Within Sector	
Number of Holdings	10	
Rebalancing & Reconstitution	Quarterly	
	Royal Bank of Canada	
	TD Canada Trust	
	Scotiabank	
6 Canadian Banks	Bank of Montreal	
	CIBC	
	National Bank	
( Canadian Insun	Manulife	
4 Canadian Insur-	Great West Life	
ance	Sun Life	
Companies	Industrial Alliance	
Covered Call Range	15-25%	

# **PORTFOLIO STATISTICS**

Number of Holdings	10
Dividend Yield (Gross)	3.68%
Price to Earnings Ratio	10.12x
Price to Book Ratio	1.65x
Price to Cash Flow	7.14x
Average Market Capitalization (\$bil)	\$78.06
5 Year Dividend Growth	6.1%

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# **SECTOR BREAKDOWN**

AS OF SEP 30, 2021

SECTOR	WEIGHT	CONTRIBUTION TO FUND RETURN <sup>1</sup>
Diversified Banks	65.98%	-0.63%
Life & Health Insurance	25.59%	0.12%
Total	91.57%	-0.52%

TOP 10 HOLDINGS		AS OF SEP 30, 2021
NAME	SECTOR	WEIGHT
National Bank Of Canada	Financials	13.73%
Canadian Imperial Bank Of Commerce	Financials	11.69%
Bank Of Montreal	Financials	10.82%
Royal Bank Of Canada	Financials	10.44%
Toronto-Dominion Bank	Financials	9.81%
The Bank of Nova Scotia	Financials	9.62%
la Financial Corporation Inc.	Financials	7.30%
Great-West Lifeco Inc.	Financials	6.51%
Sun Life Financial Inc.	Financials	6.35%
Manulife Financial Corp	Financials	5.47%

#### **BEST & WORST PERFORMING HOLDINGS**

FOR THE PERIOD AUG 31, 2021 TO SEP 30, 2021

NAME	SECTOR	WEIGHT	CONTRIBUTION TO FUND RETURN <sup>1</sup>	SECURITY RETURN
TOP 5 PERFORMING STOCKS				
Toronto Dominion	Diversified Banks	9.79%	0.22%	2.34%
la Financial Inc	Life & Health Insurance	7.29%	0.18%	2.72%
Bank Of Montreal	Diversified Banks	10.80%	0.06%	0.71%
Sun Life Financial Inc	Life & Health Insurance	6.34%	0.01%	0.37%
Great West Lifeco Inc	Life & Health Insurance	6.50%	0.00%	-0.12%
BOTTOM 5 PERFORMING	STOCKS			
National Bank Of Canada	Diversified Banks	13.70%	-0.32%	-2.14%
Royal Bank Of Canada	Diversified Banks	10.42%	-0.31%	-2.75%
Canadian Imperial Bank Of Commerce	Diversified Banks	11.67%	-0.24%	-1.88%
Manulife Financial Corp	Life & Health Insurance	5.46%	-0.06%	-0.77%
Bank Of Nova Scotia	Diversified Banks	9.60%	-0.04%	-0.24%

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Contribution to fund return for the period is calculated as the 1 month total return for the ETF Series of the Fund multiplied by the sector/security's average weight of the Fund's net asset value.