

**XQB**

# iShares High Quality Canadian Bond Index ETF

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**iShares**<sup>®</sup>  
by **BLACKROCK**<sup>®</sup>

Seeks long-term capital growth by replicating the performance of the FTSE Canada Liquid Universe Capped Bond Index™, net of expenses

## KEY BENEFITS

- 1 Low cost portfolio of lower risk Canadian government and corporate bonds
- 2 Pays monthly cash distributions and diversifies stock portfolios
- 3 Designed to be a long-term foundational holding

## GROWTH OF HYPOTHETICAL \$10,000 CAD SINCE INCEPTION



Beginning Value = \$10,000.00; Date = 11/19/2009  
Ending Value = \$; Date = 3/29/2024

These results in the above Growth of 10,000 chart are hypothetical and are intended for illustrative purposes only. See page 2 for important disclosures and more information about hypothetical results.

## ANNUAL PERFORMANCE (% CAD)

	Cumulative				Annualized				
	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Fund	0.49	-0.96	6.58	-0.96	2.49	-1.31	0.32	1.80	2.29
Benchmark	0.49	-0.93	6.63	-0.93	2.57	-1.20	0.44	1.91	2.69

## CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE (% CAD)

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Fund	6.56	-10.69	-2.61	8.04	6.16
Benchmark	6.65	-10.58	-2.48	8.18	6.26

All amounts given in Canadian dollars. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

## KEY FACTS

Fund Launch Date	19/11/2009
Benchmark	FTSE Canada Liquid Universe Capped Bond Index™
Stock Exchange	Toronto Stock Exchange
Distribution Frequency	Monthly
Eligible for Registered Plans	Yes
Program Eligibility	PACC/DRIP/SWP
Units Outstanding	17,300,000
Assets Under Management	\$320,851,168
Number of Holdings	499

## FEES AND CHARGES

Management Fee	0.12 %
Management Expense Ratio (MER)	0.13 %
Management Fee: The annual fee payable by the fund and/or any underlying ETF(s) to BlackRock Canada and/or its affiliates for acting as trustee and/or manager of the fund/ETF(s).	

MER: As reported in the fund's most recent Semi-Annual or Annual Management Report of Fund Performance. MER includes all management fees and GST/HST paid by the fund for the period, and includes the fund's proportionate share of the MER, if any, of any underlying fund in which the fund has invested.

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS (%)

CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	1.10
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	1.04
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	0.99
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	0.94
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	0.91
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	0.90
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	0.85
CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	0.83
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<b>Total of Portfolio</b>	<b>9.20</b>

Holdings are subject to change. Source: BlackRock

## PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

Weighted Average Yield To Maturity	4.27 %
Effective Duration	6.44 yrs
Weighted Average Maturity	8.83 yrs
Weighted Average Coupon	3.19 %
Distribution Yield	3.24 %
Trailing 12-month Yield	3.07 %

## MATURITY BREAKDOWN (%)



## TOP ISSUERS

CANADA (GOVERNMENT OF)	23.85
ONTARIO (PROVINCE OF)	11.39
CANADA HOUSING TRUST NO.1	7.77
QUEBEC (PROVINCE OF)	6.30
TORONTO-DOMINION BANK/THE	5.21
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	4.73
BANK OF MONTREAL	3.39
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	3.15
CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE	3.07
ALBERTA (PROVINCE OF)	2.32

## SECTOR EXPOSURE (%)

Federal	32.63
Financial	27.76
Provincial	26.84
Infrastructure	4.99
Energy	3.74
Industrial	1.34
Real Estate	1.16
Municipal	0.70
Securitized	0.61
Cash and/or Derivatives	0.22

Allocations are subject to change. **Source:** BlackRock

## CREDIT RATINGS (%)



Credit quality ratings on underlying securities of the fund are received from S&P, Moody's and Fitch and converted to the equivalent S&P major rating category. This breakdown is provided by BlackRock and takes the median rating of the three agencies when all three agencies rate a security the lower of the two ratings if only two agencies rate a security and one rating if that is all that is provided. Unrated securities do not necessarily indicate low quality. Below investment-grade is represented by a rating of BB and below. Ratings and portfolio credit quality may change over time.

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<b>MSCI ESG Fund Rating (AAA-CCC)</b>	AA	<b>MSCI ESG Quality Score (0-10)</b>	7.41
<b>MSCI ESG Quality Score - Peer Percentile</b>	91.54 %	<b>MSCI ESG % Coverage</b>	95.20 %
<b>Fund Lipper Global Classification</b>	Bond CAD	<b>MSCI Weighted Average Carbon Intensity (Tons CO2E/\$M SALES)</b>	50.99
<b>Funds in Peer Group</b>	331		

All data is from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings as of **21 Mar 2024**, based on holdings as of **29 Feb 2024**. As such, the fund's sustainable characteristics may differ from MSCI ESG Fund Ratings from time to time.

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**Fund Lipper Global Classification:** The fund peer group as defined by the Lipper Global Classification.

**Funds in Peer Group:** The number of funds from the relevant Lipper Global Classification peer group that are also in ESG coverage.

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