# **Investment Trends**

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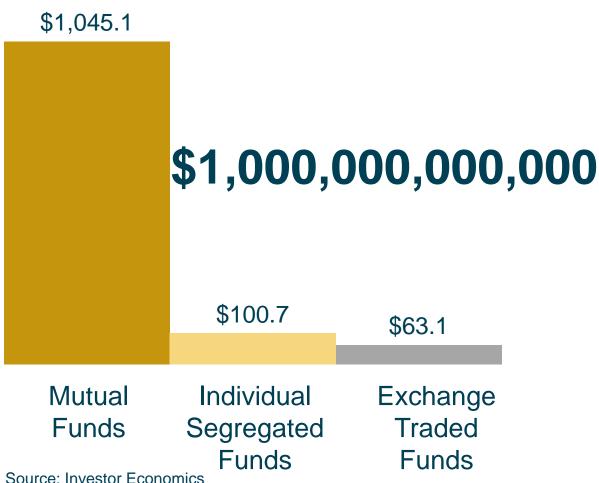
# "FOLLOW THE MONEY."

All the President's Men



# Investment Funds

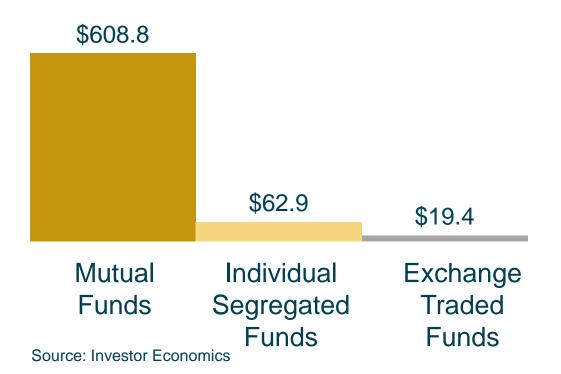
Assets as of December 31, 2013 (Billions)





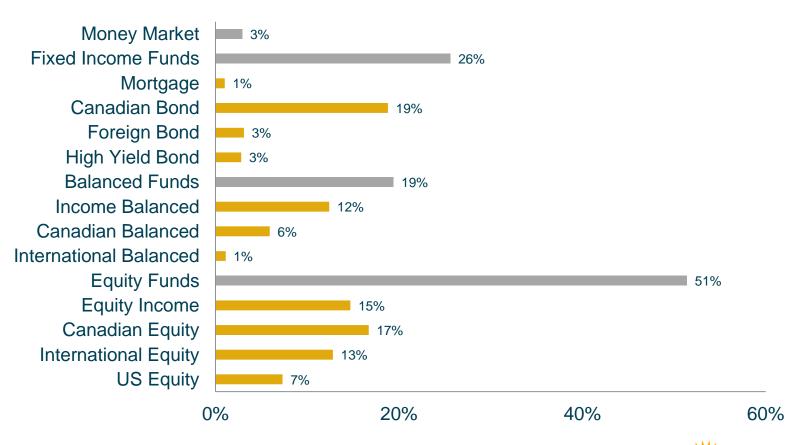
# **Investment Funds**

Assets as of December 31, 2008 (Billions)





Asset Share as of December 31, 2013





**Net Flows** 

**Gross Sales** 

Redemptions

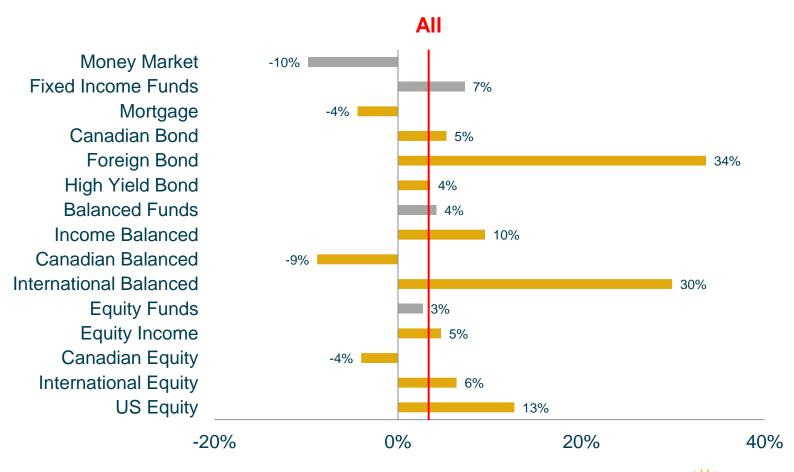
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Transfers in

**Transfers Out** 

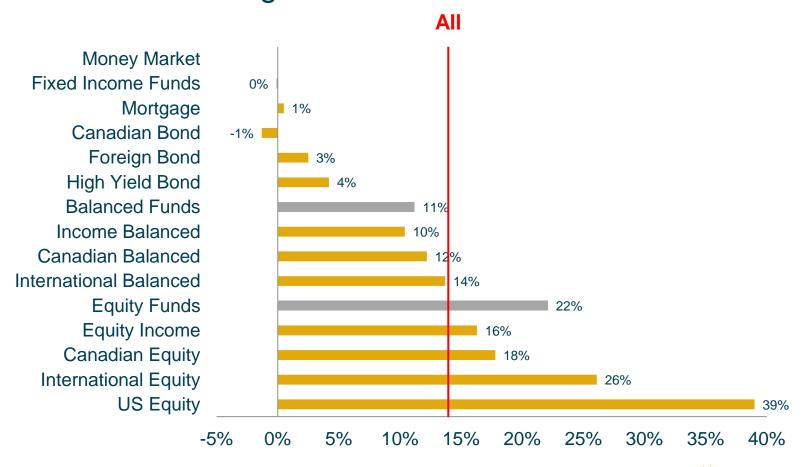


#### 2013 Net Flows as % of 1/1 Assets



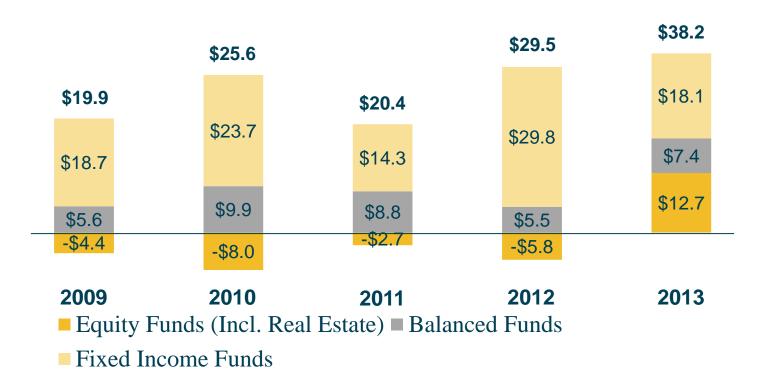


#### 2013 Asset-Weighted Returns



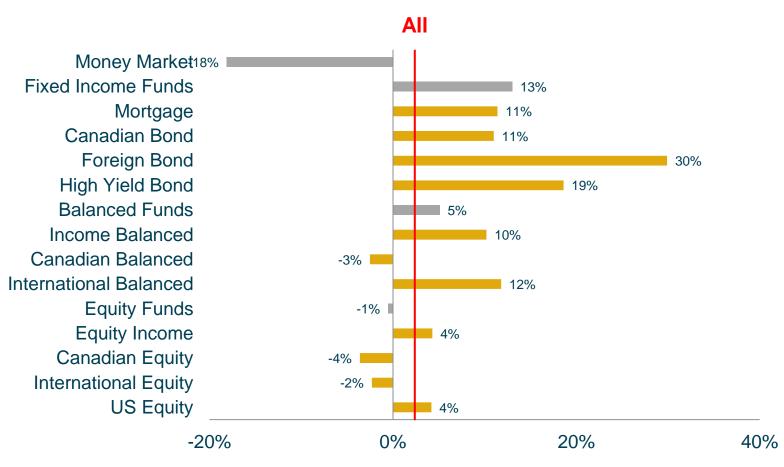


Net Flows as % of 1/1 Assets (Billions)





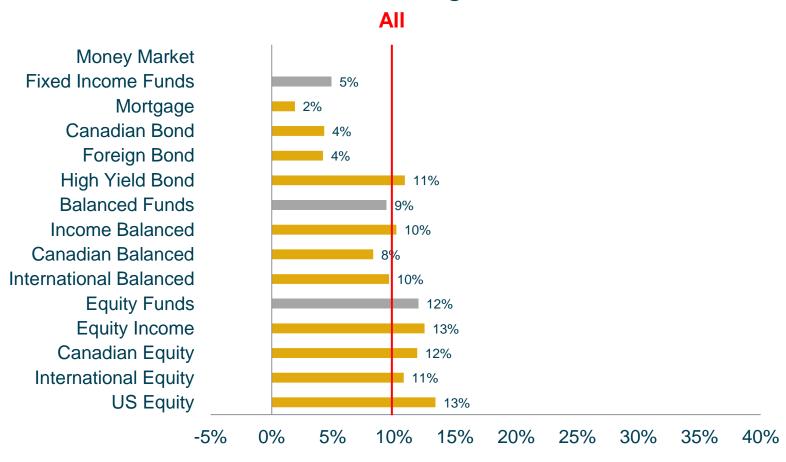
#### 5-Year Annualized Net Flows as % of 1/1 Assets





Source: Investor Economics

#### 5-Year Annualized Asset-Weighted Returns





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# **INVESTMENT THEMES**



# Bonds James, Bonds...

- Investors continue to want income; aging population may continue this trend
- Canadian interest rates low; expected to stay flat and then rise
- Strategies attracting interest...
  - Global fixed income
  - Emerging market debt
  - High yield debt
  - Floating rate debt / bank loans



# Equities

- Ongoing concerns about Canadian economy (unemployment, housing, debt, China, currency)
- Strategies attracting interest...
  - US
  - International / global
  - Emerging markets

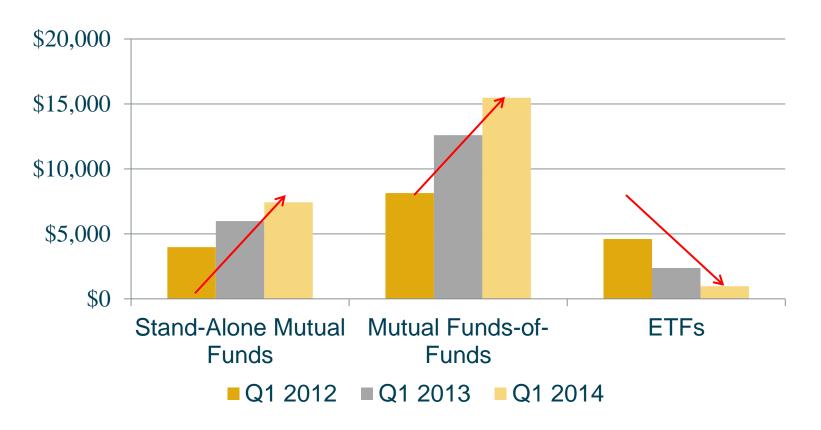


# Liquid Alternatives

- Liquid
  - Convertible to cash without material impact to price
- Alternatives
  - Generally not publicly traded, often illiquid, low correlations to stocks / bonds, often use derivatives
  - Examples: Real estate, hedge funds, commodities, infrastructure, absolute return

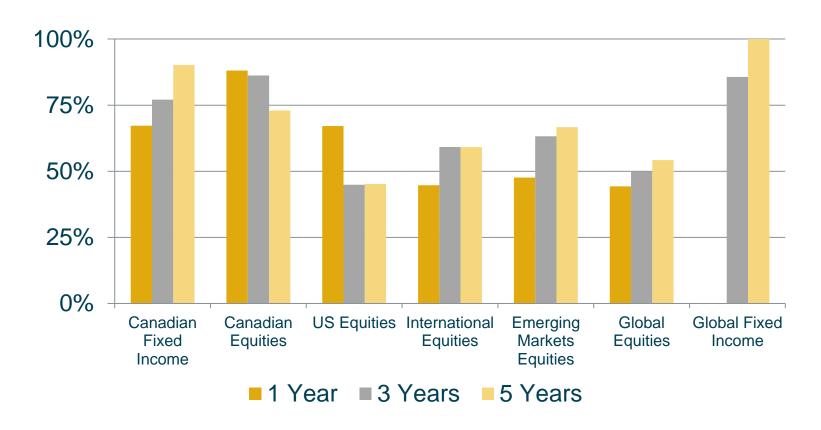


RRSP Season Net Flows (Billions)



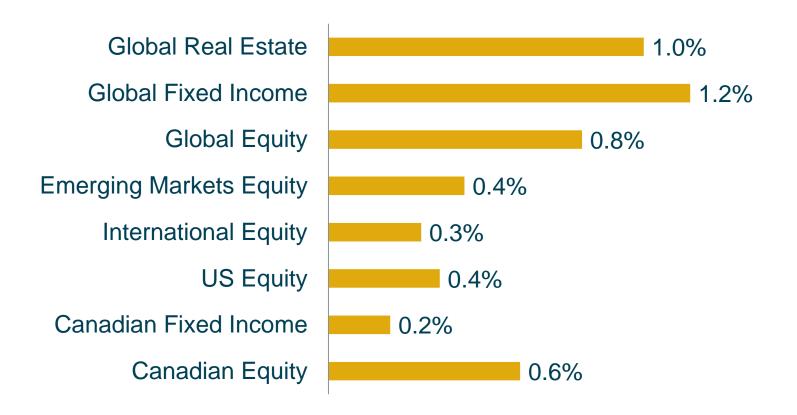


% of Funds Beating Benchmark as of 3/31/2014





10-Year Excess Returns as of 12/31/2013





#### Group DC Plans

	Active Only	Passive Only	Active & Passive
Fixed income	24%	43%	33%
Balanced	83%	5%	13%
Asset allocation / target risk	43%	51%	6%
Target date	33%	63%	4%
Equity - Canadian	52%	3%	45%
Equity – US	15%	51%	34%
<b>Equity – International</b>	47%	17%	36%
<b>Equity - Global</b>	81%	4%	15%



#### **Smart Beta**

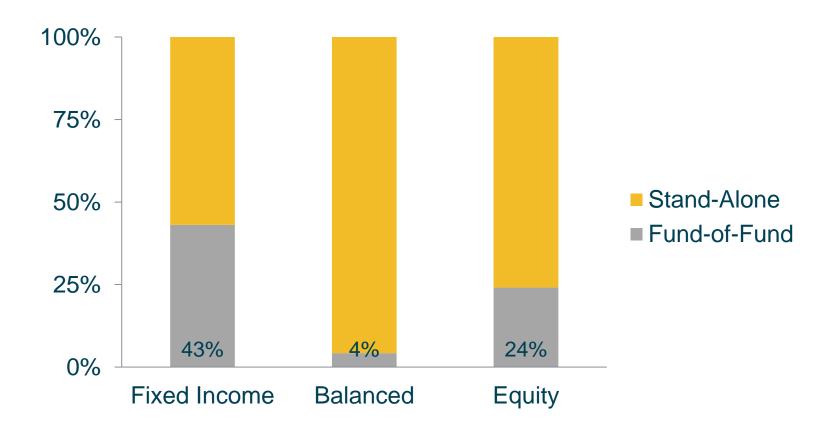
- aka: advanced beta, alternative beta, strategic beta, factor-weighted, closet alpha
- Cap-weighted indices overweight overvalued companies and underweight undervalued companies
- Other weights:
  - Equal weights, weights by sales, dividends, assets, cash flow, volatility, momentum, etc.
- Rationale: Higher returns, lower volatility, lower fees (relative to active)



# THE SOLUTION AS THE SOLUTION



Asset Share as of December 31, 2013





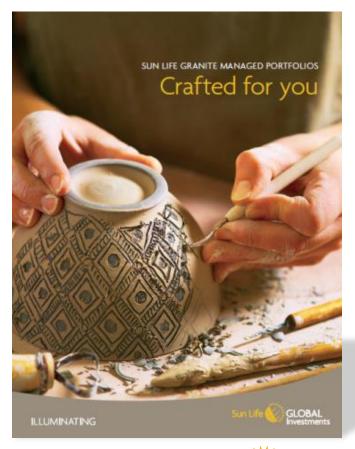
#### 2013 Net Flows





## **Investment Solutions**

- Multi-risk
- Multi-asset
- Multi-manager
- Strategic / tactical
- Non-traditional assets





# **QUESTIONS**



