

It is important to understand how a participating account works. The participating account works like a “portfolio average” account – the current account return is based on an average of all the invested assets at that time. As new money is invested, the average return will go up or down depending on whether the new money is invested at rates that are higher or lower than the participating account’s return.

Investment performance

The following shows the historical results and annualized returns for the participating account (after the deduction of investment expenses*) relative to other economic indicators.

Year	Par Fund Yield (%)	S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index ¹ (%)	iShares Canadian Universe Bond Index ² (%)	5-Year GIC (%) ³	Consumer Price Index ³ (%)
1985	12.4	25.1	21.2	10.8	4.4
1986	12.7	9.0	14.7	9.7	4.2
1987	12.5	5.9	4.0	9.6	4.1
1988	12.1	11.1	9.8	10.1	4.0
1989	12.0	21.4	12.8	10.3	5.2
1990	12.8	-14.8	7.5	11.2	5.0
1991	12.4	12.0	22.1	9.3	3.8
1992	9.9	-1.4	9.8	7.7	2.1
1993	8.8	32.5	18.1	6.4	1.7
1994	7.5	-0.2	-4.3	7.4	0.2
1995	8.5	14.5	20.7	7.1	1.8
1996	11.0	28.3	12.3	5.7	2.2
1997	10.6	15.0	9.6	4.7	0.8
1998	10.2	-1.6	9.2	4.4	1.0
1999	9.4	31.7	-1.1	4.8	2.6
2000	9.5	7.4	10.3	5.3	3.2
2001	9.1	-12.6	8.1	4.0	0.7
2002	8.6	-12.4	8.7	3.9	3.9
2003	8.0	26.7	6.7	2.9	2.0

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2004	8.1	14.5	7.2	2.8	2.1
2005	8.3	24.1	6.5	2.7	2.2
2006	8.2	17.3	4.1	3.2	1.6
2007	8.5	9.8	3.7	3.3	2.4
2008	7.6	-33.0	6.4	3.0	1.2
2009	6.4	35.1	5.4	2.0	1.3
2010	6.5	17.6	6.7	2.0	2.4
2011	6.8	-8.7	9.6	1.8	2.5
2012	5.1	7.2	3.6	1.6	0.8
2013	5.6	13.0	-1.2	1.6	1.2
2014	6.2	10.6	8.8	2.0	1.5
2015	5.7	-8.3	3.5	1.5	1.6
2016	5.2	21.1	1.7	1.5	1.5
2017	5.6	9.1	2.5	1.6	1.9
2018	5.3	-8.9	1.4	2.2	2.0
2019	5.4	21.0	6.9	2.0	2.2
2020	4.8	5.6	8.7	0.8	0.7
2021	5.7	25.1	-2.5	1.8	4.8

Sources: ¹ S&P/TSX Index Services. ² BlackRock. ³ Bank of Canada.

* Investment expenses for 2021 is 14 basis points. Investment expenses may vary from year to year due to the number and nature of transactions required to maintain the target asset mix.