# Brompton Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Preferred ETF



## **FUND PROFILE**

AS AT JULY 31, 2021

TSX Symbol	CAD Hedge	d BPRF		
	USD	BPRF.U		
CUSIP	BPRF	11221N109		
	BPRF.U	11221N208		
Inception Date	BPRF	Oct. 15, 2018		
	BPRF.U	Aug. 8, 2019		
NAV	BPRF	\$27.10		
	BPRF.U	\$26.94		
Distribution Rate <sup>1</sup>	BPRF	4.6%		
	BPRF.U	4.6%		
<b>Distribution Frequency</b> Monthly				
Total Assets		\$71 million		
Management Fee		0.75% p.a.		
Management Style Actively Managed				
Manager	Manager Brompton Funds Limited			
Sub-Advisor	Flaherty &	Crumrine Inc.		
Registered Account Eligibility? Yes				
Risk Rating	Lo	w to Medium		

#### THIS ETF IS FOR INVESTORS WHO ARE:

- Seeking monthly cash distributions
- Seeking stable net asset value.
- Seeking primarily investment-grade income sources

Portfolio Statistics <sup>3</sup>	July 31, 2021
Current Yield	5.1%
YTW	2.6%
Duration (years)	3.7
Average Rating	BBB-



#### Overview

This actively managed ETF seeks to provide: (i) stable monthly cash distributions; and (ii) a stable net asset value. The ETF actively invests in a portfolio consisting primarily of U.S. dollar denominated corporate preferred securities, trust preferred securities and other corporate debt. At least 75% of the ETF's portfolio (at the time of investment) consists of securities that are rated investment grade.

The Sub-Advisor, Flaherty & Crumrine, is the longest tenured U.S. investment firm focusing exclusively on managing portfolios of preferred securities for institutional investors. The Sub-Advisor will select a portfolio of preferred investments for the ETF, giving consideration to the opportunity for income, issuer and security diversification, credit quality and duration/interest rate sensitivity.

#### **Investment Highlights: Preferred Securities**

U.S. preferred securities offer:

- Primarily investment-grade securities, with higher yield than many other fixed income categories
- Historical outperformance compared to the S&P/TSX Preferred Share Index with lower volatility
- Low correlation of returns; effective tool to diversify portfolio returns and risk

## Portfolio: July 31, 2021

Rating Distribution	% of NAV
Cash	3.6%
A-	0.9%
BBB+	8.1%
BBB	31.3%
BBB-	31.4%
BB+	14.9%
BB	5.9%
BB-	2.8%
В	0.2%
NR	0.9%

Industry Weighting	% of NAV
Banking	42.6%
Insurance	22.6%
Utilities	15.1%
Energy	10.1%
Finance	4.5%
Cash & short-term inv.	3.7%
Communications	2.0%
Misc. Industries	1.0%
Currency fwd contracts & Other net assets	(1.6%)

## Portfolio: July 31, 2021

Top 10 Holdings	% of NAV
Cash and short-term investments	3.7%
JPMorgan Chase & Co, 3.46488% due December 31, 2049	3.1%
Enbridge Inc., 6.00% due January 15, 2077	2.4%
Arch Capital Group Ltd., 4.55% due December 31, 2049	2.4%
Capital One Financial, 5.00% due December 31, 2049	2.3%
Energy Transfer LP, 7.60% due December 31, 2049	2.2%
Sempra Energy, 5.75% due July 01, 2079	2.1%
CMS Energy Corp., 4.20% due December 31, 2049	2.0%
Royal Bank of Canada, 4.50% due November 24, 2080	1.9%
Nextera Energy Capital, 5.65% due May 01, 2079	1.8%
Total	23.9%

#### **Sub-Advisor and Manager**

#### **Sub-Advisor**

Established in 1983, Flaherty & Crumrine Incorporated specializes in US dollar denominated preferred securities and corporate debt instruments. The firm uses 30 years of proprietary data on over 1500 preferred securities to carry out intensive credit analysis, thorough vetting of securities' terms and structures, and active portfolio management, with the goal of exploiting pricing inefficiencies in the fixed income markets to provide attractive rates of return on its funds.

#### Manager

Founded in 2000, Brompton is an experienced investment fund manager with income focused investment solutions including exchange-traded funds (ETFs) and other TSX traded investment funds. Our funds are designed to address investors' cash flow requirements and to provide them with value-added diversification strategies. Since inception, Brompton has paid out over \$2.8 billion in distributions. For those investors that do not require the regular cash flow, our funds also offer commission-free distribution reinvestment plans for additional units in the funds. For the level of service provided, our funds are known for their low management fees and costs.

# **Historical Performance: July 31, 2021**

Annual Compound Returns⁴	YTD	1-YR	Since Inception (BPRF)	Since Inception (BPRF.U)
Brompton Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Preferred ETF (CAD hedged)		12.1%	8.0%	-
Brompton Flaherty & Crumrine Investment Grade Preferred ETF (USD)		12.9%	-	9.0%

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<sup>(1)</sup> Distribution rate based on July 31, 2021 closing market price. Source: Thomson Reuters.

<sup>(2)</sup> Source: Thomson Reuters as at July 31, 2021. Reflects the weighted average ESG Score of the companies held in the portfolio. The ESG Score is an overall score of a company based on the reported information in the environmental, social and corporate governance pillars. Letter grades range from D- for the lowest ESG scores to A+ for the highest scores. See https://www.refinitiv.com/content/dam/marketing/en\_us/documents/methodology/esg-scores-methodology.pdf for more information.

<sup>(3)</sup>Excludes cash.

<sup>(4)</sup> Returns are for the periods ended July 31, 2021 and are unaudited. BPRF inception date October 15, 2018. BPRF.U inception date August 8, 2019. The table shows the ETF's compound returns for each period indicated.