# **Manager Announcement**

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# T. Rowe Price Brings Rigorous Active Investment Approach to SEI Canada's U.S. High Yield Bond Fund

T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. (TRP) has been added to SEI Canada's U.S. High Yield Bond Fund (the Fund). We like the firm's experienced investment team and approach, which emphasizes fundamental credit research and opportunistically accessing smaller, under-researched credit issuers. TRP's smaller team and asset size allows for efficient decision making, a higher degree of flexibility as it relates to credit quality and industry positioning and a relatively concentrated best-ideas portfolio.

## Addition of T. Rowe Price

# What They Do

TRP takes a disciplined, active approach based on bottom-up fundamental analysis, careful stock selection, risk awareness, a well-resourced global research platform and teamwork. The team's investment decisions are backed by a powerful buy-side research platform. Its global search for competitive performance attempts to carefully balance both risk and reward.

#### **How They Do It**

TRP focuses on fundamental, bottom-up security selection based on relative-value assessments within and across industries. A high-intensity selection process, combined with concentrated, conviction-weighted positions, allows the portfolio to optimize relative value.

#### **About TRP**

Founded in 1937 and headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, TRP is an investment management firm with offices in sixteen countries. As of January 31, 2018, the firm had US\$1.05 trillion in assets under management.

# Why We Chose Them

- Concentrated Portfolio: The portfolio is concentrated relative to its peers with 75-200 securities and the portfolio managers recognize the importance of conviction-weighted positions in relation to size.
- Credit Quality: TRP seeks to identify relative-value opportunities across issuers due to size and credit quality.
- Macro-aware factors: TRP takes advantage of credit-exposure adjustments by leveraging macroeconomic factors in assessing industry and sector weighting.

## **Glossary of Financial Terms**

**Bottom-Up**: Bottom-up managers focus on individual stock selection instead of the overall economic environment.

Fundamental: Fundamental refers to the method of evaluating a security in attempt to measure its intrinsic value.

Macroeconomic: Macroeconomic refers to the broad economy of a country or region, or the global economy.

**Quantitative:** Quantitative refers to the use of mathematical measurements and calculations, statistical modelling and research.

**Relative Value**: Relative value is a method of determining an asset's value that takes into account the value of similar assets.

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