



April 2009

# Monthly Update

**Prime Rate Plus Corp** is an Investment Corporation designed to pay monthly cash dividends. The Corporation invests in a diversified portfolio consisting of six Canadian Banks. Two types of shares are available, a Class A and a Preferred.

	One Month to <u>Apr 30, 2009</u>	Year to Date <u>Apr 30, 2009</u>
TSX	6.93%	3.75%
S&P 500	9.39%	-3.37%
DJII	7.35%	-6.93%
NASDAQ	12.35%	8.89%

## Distributions (by record date)

	PPL	PPL.PR.A	Total
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>\$3.8066</b>	<b>\$2.3139</b>	<b>\$6.1205</b>
2009 YTD	\$0.0625	\$0.1667	\$0.1667
2008	\$0.9535	\$0.5648	\$1.5183
2007	\$1.2156	\$0.6854	\$1.9010
2006	\$1.1625	\$0.6500	\$1.8125
2005	\$0.4125	\$0.2470*	\$0.6595

\*Initial distribution for the period July 15/05 to Dec 29/05.

## Commentary

Most major equity market indices extended the rally which began during the first week of March. Gains made in April seemed to reinforce market conviction that equities had become too oversold and that the worst outcomes that were being discounted into the markets earlier in the year would not come to fruition. April's market gains combined with the advance made in March has lifted the broad based North American market indices anywhere from 20 to 30% higher than the March lows.

Although economic conditions continue to remain difficult, it appears the cumulative efforts of governments around the world to stabilize the financial system have gained some traction. Confidence in the ability of the financial system to improve increased during the month as more details of the government stabilization efforts were released. First quarter financial results from major North American companies were for the most part better than analyst expectations which helped share prices and supported the view that the worst of the economic recession may already have past. Selected leading economic and confidence indicators are showing early, albeit modest signs that point to an increased chance for a rebound in economic growth in the coming months.

The volatility in financial markets has subsided significantly from the "panic" period from Sept 2008 to early March 2009. It appears that the worst of the deleveraging and capital market liquidation may have already occurred and if so, this will be positive for investors focusing on fundamentals of the underlying companies.

Attractive dividend yields, low valuations and significant option premiums available in the market place continue to bode well for the portfolio. The Manager continues to actively manage the relative weightings of the companies held within the portfolio.

## Details

Gross Proceeds:	\$288,125,000
Units Issued:	11,525,000
Inception Date:	July 15, 2005
Termination Date:	Dec 1, 2012
Net Asset Value:	\$16.20 (Apr 30/09)
Cash Weighting:	5%
Canadian Equity Weighting:	95%
<b>PPL.PR.A</b> Trading Price:	\$8.95 (Apr 30/09)
Current Yield:	5.8% annually
Asset Coverage:	162%
Market Capitalization:	\$93,902,550
<b>PPL</b> Trading Price:	\$6.56 (Apr 30/09)
Market Capitalization:	\$68,826,897

## Top Holdings (sorted by weight)

Toronto-Dominion Bank	TD
Royal Bank of Canada	RY
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	CM
Bank of Nova Scotia	BNS
National Bank of Canada	NA
Bank of Montreal	BMO

Weightings subject to change at any time.

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