



# RBC Select Very Conservative Portfolio

## Investment Objective

To provide income and the potential for modest capital growth by investing primarily in funds managed by RBC GAM, emphasizing mutual funds that invest in fixed income securities with some exposure to mutual funds that invest in equity securities. The portfolio invests in a mix of Canadian, U.S. and international funds.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF209
A	No Load	USD	RBF515
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF871
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF787
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF214
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4515
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF544

Inception Date	March 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	13,068.1
Series A NAV \$	12.54
Series A MER %	1.68
Benchmark	80% FTSE TMX CUB 10% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return 5% S&P 500 Total Return (C\$) 5% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net (C\$)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

Fund Category	Canadian Fixed Income Balanced
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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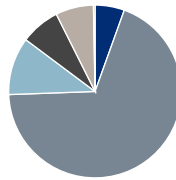
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## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF209).

## Portfolio Analysis as of October 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

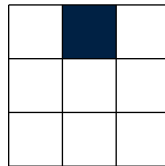


	% Assets
Cash	5.5
Fixed Income	69.0
Canadian Equity	10.8
US Equity	7.4
International Equity	7.1
Other	0.3

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
PH&N Bond Fund	14.0
RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	12.2
RBC Global Bond Fund	10.9
PH&N Total Return Bond Fund	9.6
RBC Canadian Short-Term Income Fund	7.1
RBC Bond Fund	6.0
PH&N Short Term Bond & Mortgage Fund	5.9
PH&N US Multi-Style All-Cap Equity Fund	5.8
RBC European Equity Fund	4.9
PH&N Conservative Equity Income Fund	3.5
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	79.9
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	25
Total Number of Stock Holdings	2,875
Total Number of Bond Holdings	5,565
Total Number of Other Holdings	101
<b>Total Number of Underlying Holdings</b>	<b>8,541</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.3
P/E Ratio	18.4
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	38.5

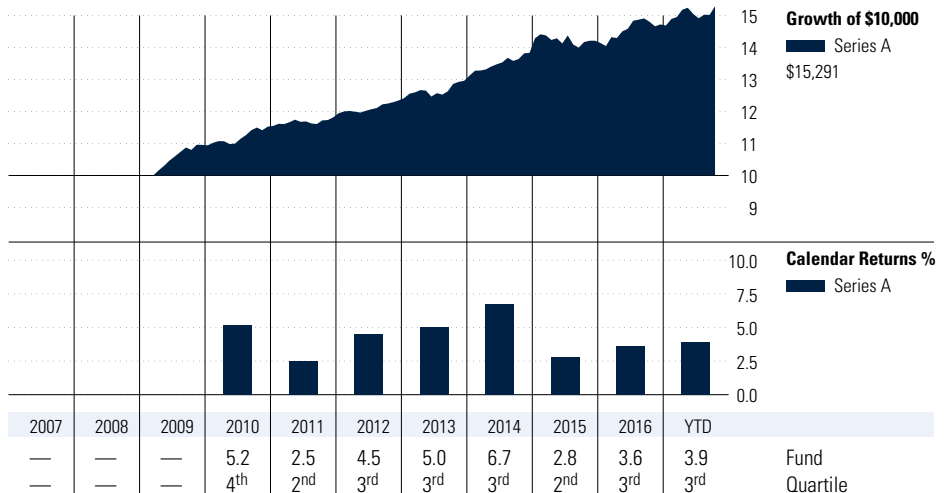
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	27.6
Energy	12.6
Information Technology	11.2
Industrials	10.8
Consumer Discretionary	9.5

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	52.5
Corporate Bonds	36.2
Other Bonds	1.7
Mortgage Backed Securities	1.5
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	7.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.8

## Performance Analysis as of October 31, 2017



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Fund	1.8	2.5	0.7	3.3	3.9	4.5	—	5.3	Fund
Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	561	556	546	539	432	311	126	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Sarah Riopelle

#### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Sarah Riopelle is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Investment Solutions. Sarah began her investment career in 1996. She is a member of the RBC Investment Strategy Committee and is responsible for the firm's Portfolio Solutions. Sarah has a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and International Management from the University of Ottawa and is a CFA charterholder.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of October 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.05	0.35	0.43	0.48	0.27	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.29	—	—
Interest	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.21	—	—
Dividends	—	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.07	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.21	0.26	0.34	0.10	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.02	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	3-2010	10.7	3-2012	6.3	3-2014	5.8	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-2.6	8-2017	3.2	2-2016	3.9	—	—
Average		4.6		4.7		4.8		
No. of Periods		92		68		44		
Pct. Positive		96.7		100.0		100.0		

\* Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The global acceleration in economic growth that began last year has been largely sustained. The need for extreme monetary stimulus is fading and central banks including the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada (BoC) are gradually shifting toward tighter policy.

The Fund's overweight position in equities and underweight position in fixed income had a positive impact on performance. Returns on global government bonds were low to slightly negative during the period. Canadian bonds underperformed after the BoC boosted short-term interest rates given faster-than-expected economic growth. Returns were aided by the RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund, while the Phillips, Hager & North Bond Fund and the Phillips, Hager & North Total Return Bond Fund negatively affected performance.

Global equities posted gains, led by emerging-market and Canadian equities, as prices for oil and

other commodities strengthened. The S&P 500 finished the period at a record high, but a weaker U.S. dollar offset most of the returns when translated back into Canadian dollars. Returns were helped by the RBC Canadian Dividend Fund, the RBC European Equity Fund and the Phillips, Hager & North Conservative Equity Income Fund.

Our models continue to suggest the long-term direction for bond yields is higher, which would weigh on total returns for bond holders. Prospective returns for equities are much better than for fixed income, but the valuation tailwind from falling interest rates may be exhausted so earnings growth is now critical for the continuity of the bull market. The Fund has been dialing back the risk exposure in the asset mix as the business cycle matures, trimming the equity-overweight allocation and splitting the proceeds between cash and fixed income.



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Adjusted MER is provided for funds with management fee changes effective June 30, 2016. The Adjusted MER represents what the reported MER would have been had management fee changes been in effect throughout 2016.

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