



# RBC Canadian Short-Term Income Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide a competitive level of monthly income by investing primarily in short-term, high-quality fixed income securities issued or guaranteed by Canadian federal, provincial or municipal governments and corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF264
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF851
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF751
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF113

Inception Date	January 1992
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	5,433.9
Series A NAV \$	10.71
Series A MER %	1.10
Series A Adjusted MER %	1.05
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index

Income Distribution	Monthly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

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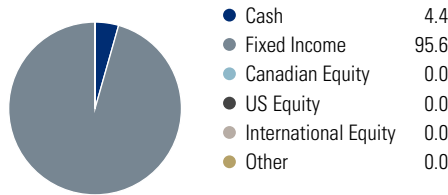
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## Notes

The fund's investment objective changed June 28, 2002.

## Portfolio Analysis as of May 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

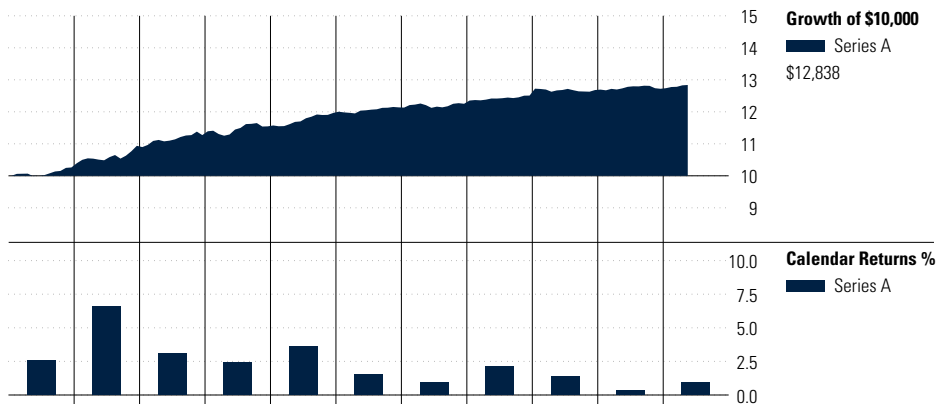
Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	55.2
Corporate Bonds	41.5
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	3.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	3.3	Under 1 year	3.2
AAA	30.0	1 - 5 Yrs	87.1
AA	34.5	5 - 10 Yrs	9.7
A	22.5	Over 10 Yrs	0.0
BBB	9.7		
Below BBB	0.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	2.8
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	2.7
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	1.2

### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	99.8
United States	0.2
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of May 31, 2017



Year	Calendar Returns %	Fund Quartile
2007	2.6 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2008	6.6 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2009	3.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2010	2.4 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2011	3.6 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2012	1.5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2013	0.9 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2014	2.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2015	1.4 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2016	0.3 4 <sup>th</sup>	
YTD	0.9 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

Period	Trailing Return %	No. of Funds in Category
1 Mth	0.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	227
3 Mth	0.5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	224
6 Mth	0.8 3 <sup>rd</sup>	219
1 Yr	0.8 3 <sup>rd</sup>	215
3 Yr	1.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	185
5 Yr	1.3 3 <sup>rd</sup>	122
10 Yr	2.5 2 <sup>nd</sup>	46
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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Walter Posiewko

#### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Walter Posiewko is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Money Markets. He has been in the investment industry since 1985.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.07	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.38	0.34
Interest	0.07	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.20	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.33	0.38	0.34
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	1-1994	13.9	6-1997	8.8	5-1997	8.0	5-2002	6.1
Worst	1-1995	-0.7	1-2017	1.0	1-2017	1.2	2-2017	2.4
Average		4.0		4.0		3.9		3.8
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		98.6		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

Canadian short-term bond yields ended the quarter essentially unchanged, but not before experiencing significant intra-quarter volatility; rising substantially in sympathy with U.S. bonds in the wake of another U.S. rate hike, and then falling by quarter end. The subsequent fall in yields occurred due to growing uncertainty regarding the timing and magnitude of promised U.S. fiscal stimulus.

In Canada, economic growth recovered nicely over the quarter, but the Bank of Canada (BoC) considered it temporary. Citing still sizeable slack in the economy, the BoC saw no reason to follow the Federal Reserve's (Fed's) tightening action and left policy unchanged. In the U.S., responding to evidence of growing economic momentum, the Fed hiked by another 0.25%, its second move in three months, and suggested more hikes may be appropriate should the Fed's targeted inflation and labor metrics be met.

The Fund manager cut the Fund's exposure to

corporate bonds further during the quarter as valuations hit new heights. Corporate bonds continued to rise during the quarter, evidenced by spreads tightening further. In keeping with a strategy of taking profits when valuations are stretched, the portfolio manager cut the Fund's corporate allocation by another 5% and reinvested the proceeds in government bonds.

Given the BOC's propensity to err on the side of caution, policy inaction is expected to continue for the remainder of the year. While the Fed is widely expected to continue tightening over the medium term, the extent of such action will depend on how successfully U.S. stimulative fiscal policy will be executed. We anticipate Canadian government yields will climb slower than their U.S. counterparts and corporate bonds will continue to serve as a buffer against this. As was done this quarter, corporate bonds will be carefully monitored and may be cut back further if valuations push even higher.



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MER (%) for RBC Funds and PH&N Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, January 1 to December 31, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, expressed on an annualized basis.

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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