

# **RBC Balanced Fund**

### **Investment Objective**

To provide a combination of capital growth and modest income by investing primarily in a balance of Canadian equities, bonds and short-term debt securities.

#### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF272
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF838
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF738
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF123
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF536
T8	No Load	CAD	RBF596

Inception Date December 1987 Total Fund Assets \$Mil 5.078.3 13.69 Series A NAV \$ Series A MER % 2.15 Benchmark 40% FTSE Canada All Gov't Bond Index 35% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index 10% S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD) 7% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (CAD) 5% FTSE Canada All Corp Bond Index 3% MSCI EM Total Return

Net Index (CAD)

Income Distribution Quarterly Capital Gains Distribution Annually

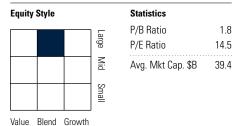
Sales Status Open 500 Min. Investment \$ Subsequent Investment \$ 25

Canadian Neutral **Fund Category** Balanced

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### Portfolio Analysis as of January 31, 2019

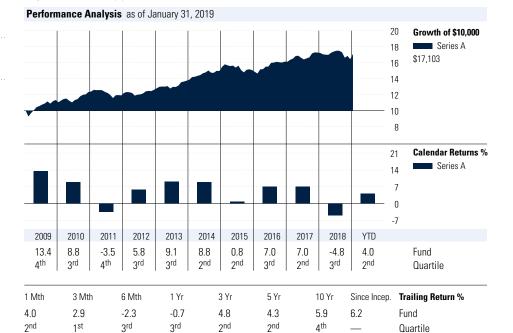




Top 5 Sectors	% Equity
Financials	29.5
Energy	13.4
Industrials	10.4
Materials	8.0
Information Technology	7.6

Fixed Income	%	Characteristics	%
Breakdown		Avg. Term to	10.8
Govt. Bonds	72.6	maturity (Yrs)	
Corp. Bonds	23.7	Modified Duration	7.8
Other Bonds	0.0	(Yrs)	
MBS	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.7
Cash & Other	3.7		
ABS	0.0		

**Top 10 Holdings** % Assets RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund O 3.6 Royal Bank of Canada 2.5 The Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.3 Canada (Government of) 0.75% 01-09-2021 1.9 Bank of Nova Scotia 1.8 Enbridge Inc 1.6 Canada (Government of) 2.75% 01-12-2048 1.5 Suncor Energy Inc 1.3 Canadian National Railway Co 1.3 Ontario (Province Of) 4.65% 02-06-2041 1.1 Total % of Top 10 Holdings 18.9 594 Total Number of Portfolio Holdings Total Number of Stock Holdings 997 Total Number of Bond Holdings 312 Total Number of Other Holdings 17 **Total Number of Underlying Holdings** 1,326



2<sup>nd</sup>

565

2nd

446

4<sup>th</sup>

161

Quartile

No. of Funds in Category

685

671

2nd

701

1st

699



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# Management Overview

### **Manager Bios**

#### Stuart Kedwell

#### **RBC Global Asset Management Inc.**

Stuart Kedwell is Senior Vice President and Co-Head, North American Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1997.

#### Dagmara Fijalkowski

#### **RBC Global Asset Management Inc.**

As Head of Global Fixed Income and Currencies,
Dagmara leads investment teams in Toronto, London and
Minneapolis in charge of almost \$100 billion in fixed
income assets. She heads management of several bond
funds and manages foreign-exchange hedging and active
currency overlay programs across a number of funds.
Dagmara, who began her investment career in 1994,
holds an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business,
a Master's degree in economics from the University of
Lodz in Poland and is a CFA charterholder.

Performance Analysis Cont'd as of January 31, 2019											
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	_	0.44	0.56	0.23	0.39	0.57	0.54	0.17	80.0	_	_
Interest	_	0.00	_	_	0.00	_	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	0.06	0.03	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.02	0.05	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	0.39	0.52	0.12	0.27	0.50	0.52	0.12	0.08	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 \	Yr	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	7-1997	25.	.4 3	-2006	15.7	8-2	2000	12.2	9-20	005	7.5
Worst	2-2009	-23.	.3 2	-2009	-5.8	5-2	2012	-1.0	8-20	010	2.3
Average		5.	.8		5.7			5.4			4.9
No. of Periods		28	9		265			241			181
Pct. Positive		75.	.1		84.5			95.4			100.0

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2018

Economic growth decelerated as 2018 came to a close, leading to declines in stocks and corporate bonds in the fourth quarter. Other issues clouding the outlook for investors included the U.S.-China trade conflict, discussions on the terms of the U.K. 's exit from the European Union and tightening financial conditions.

The Fund's overweight position in equities and underweight position in fixed income had a negative impact on performance. The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) raised its benchmark interest rate in December, the fourth increase in 2018. However, government-bond yields declined on concern about the outlook for growth. Japanese and European bonds performed best, followed by Canadian and U.S. fixed income. The Fund's returns were negatively affected by underweight exposure to federal debt, which outperformed.

Equities in developed markets in Europe and Asia, as well as in emerging markets, continued to decline in the fourth quarter. U.S. stocks, resilient

for most of 2018, experienced fourth-quarter declines that were among the steepest in global markets and wiped out gains achieved during the first three quarters of the year. Returns were held back by security selection in the developed markets of Europe and Asia, mostly offset by the positive impact of security selection in emerging markets.

We expect the trend of slowing global growth to continue into 2019. That said, further gradual tightening of monetary policy is expected, and rising rates could limit bond returns. The portfolio manager remains underweight fixed income, but used last year's rise in yields to increase the bond allocation as bonds can provide a cushion in an economic downturn. While we expect equity-market volatility to continue, stocks still offer superior return potential versus bonds, as long as earnings continue to grow as analysts expect. The Fund remains overweight equities, but exposure remains well below the peak earlier in the cycle.



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