



# RBC Strategic Income Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide regular monthly income with a potential for modest capital appreciation. The fund invests primarily in units of other mutual funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate of RBC GAM (called the underlying funds), emphasizing mutual funds that invest in higher yielding fixed-income securities.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF482
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF882
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF722
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF082

Inception Date	August 2013
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	722.9
Series A NAV \$	10.57
Series A MER %	1.77
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Monthly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually
Monthly Distribution (¢/unit)	3.00
Current Payout Rate (%)*	3.41

\*Assuming 12 consecutive months at the monthly distribution set out above. The estimate does not include any year-end capital gains distributions paid in addition to the regular monthly distribution nor should it be confused with performance or rates of return.

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

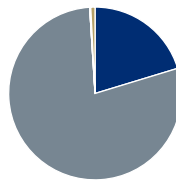
Fund Category	High Yield Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Portfolio Analysis as of October 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	20.3
Fixed Income	78.7
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.2
Other	0.8

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	20.8
RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund	19.9
RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund	15.0
RBC Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange Fd	14.8
BlueBay Emerging Markets Corp Bd Fund	11.2
BlueBay Global Convert Bd (CAN) Fund	10.9
RBC High Yield Bond Fund	6.1

### Fixed Income Breakdown

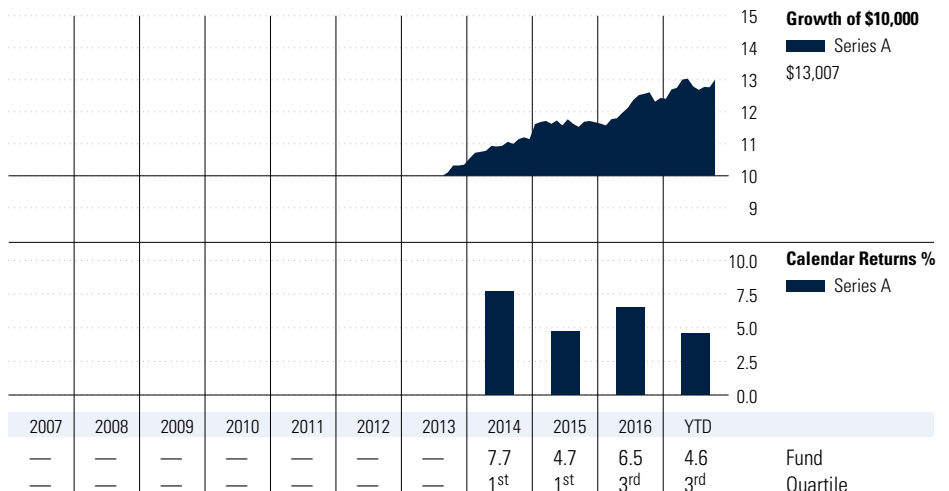
	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	21.6
Corporate Bonds	62.3
Other Bonds	11.6
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	4.5
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	4.5	Under 1 year	22.8
AAA	1.0	1 - 5 Yrs	28.2
AA	2.2	5 - 10 Yrs	34.3
A	10.9	Over 10 Yrs	14.7
BBB	22.9		
Below BBB	43.3	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	6.7
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	4.5
NR/NA	0.7	Yield to Maturity	3.5

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	5.6
United States	28.2
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	9.6
Emerging Markets	56.6

## 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 %
	1.9	2.5	0.0	3.2	5.3	—	—	6.2	Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	Quartile
	571	568	540	493	349	216	48	—	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.

#### Dagmara Fijalkowski

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Dagmara is Sr. Vice President & Sr. Portfolio Manager, and Head, Global Fixed Income & Currencies at RBC Global Asset Management. She leads a team of over 20 professionals with more than \$50 billion in assets under management. Dagmara also co-manages several of the firms' bond funds and manages foreign exchange hedging and active currency management programs. She has an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business and a Master's in economics from the University of Lodz, 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	0.30	0.55	0.53	0.47	0.22	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	0.30	0.38	0.37	0.34	0.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.17	0.16	0.13	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	8-2014	10.6	8-2016	7.8	—	—	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-0.9	8-2017	4.9	—	—	—	—
Average		6.0		6.0		—		—
No. of Periods		39		15		—		—
Pct. Positive		97.4		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 are gradually shifting toward tighter policy.

Returns on global government bonds were low to slightly negative during the period. U.S. bond yields rose during the period amid economic optimism after reversing declines in August and early September that had been due to a mix of safe-haven concerns including uncertainty over tax policy, fears of a U.S. government shutdown and nuclear tensions with North Korea. Emerging-market bonds continued to enjoy strong returns in the period, propelled by the positive economic outlook and perceptions that Fed rate hikes would not significantly hinder most emerging-market economies.

Returns were aided by the RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund and the RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund. However, performance was negatively affected by the RBC Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange Fund and the RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund.

The portfolio manager expects global bond yields to rise slowly in coming quarters. The global economic expansion and firming inflation have led major central banks to consider tighter monetary policies. The heightened global indebtedness as well as regulatory and private demand for developed-market government bonds could keep bond yields from moving too high, too quickly. Any surge in bond yields would provide opportunities to accumulate bonds at more attractive rates.



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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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