



# RBC \$U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide interest income with the potential for modest capital growth by investing primarily in U.S. corporate bonds. The fund invests primarily in a portfolio of diversified investment grade fixed-income securities issued by U.S. corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	USD	RBF484
Adv	Deferred Sales	USD	RBF884
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF724
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF084

Inception Date	August 2013
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	255.1
Series A NAV \$	9.75
Series A MER %	1.27
Benchmark	BarCap U.S. Corporate Bond Index (US\$)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

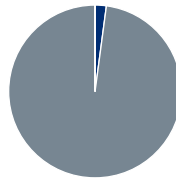
Fund Category	Global Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Portfolio Analysis as of October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

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	2.1
Fixed Income	97.9
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Cooperative Cent Raif 4.375% 04-08-2025	1.3
Microsoft 4.25% 06-02-2047	1.0
Newell Brands 3.85% 01-04-2023	1.0
Bk Amer 4.2% 26-08-2024	1.0
Sherwin Williams 4.5% 01-06-2047	0.8
Australia&New Zealand Bk 4.4% 19-05-2026	0.8
Citigroup 2.7% 30-03-2021	0.8
Citigroup 3.2% 21-10-2026	0.8
US Treasury Note 2.25% 15-02-2027	0.8
Duke Engy Corp New 3.75% 01-09-2046	0.8
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	9.0
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	248
Total Number of Other Holdings	4
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>252</b>

### Fixed Income Breakdown

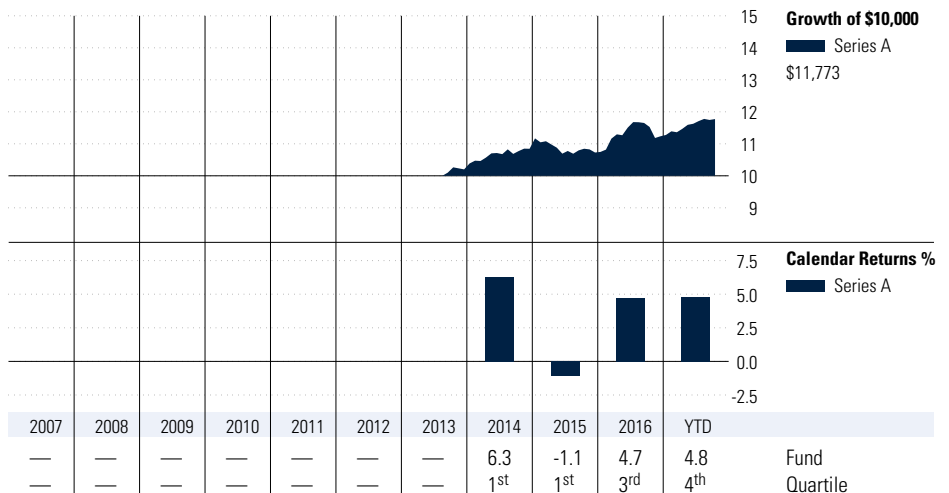
	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	0.0
Corporate Bonds	99.2
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	0.8
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	0.8	Under 1 year	3.0
AAA	2.8	1 - 5 Yrs	37.8
AA	2.3	5 - 10 Yrs	35.1
A	38.0	Over 10 Yrs	24.0
BBB	56.2		
Below BBB	0.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.5
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	7.2
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	3.2

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	0.0
United States	85.6
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	14.2
Emerging Markets	0.3

## 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 %
	0.2	0.5	2.7	2.1	3.0	—	—	3.8	Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	Quartile
	413	396	394	353	221	136	50	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### James Weinand

##### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Jim Weinand is a portfolio manager in our fixed income group. He researches the telecommunications, media, technology, consumer, health care and REIT sectors of the corporate market. Before joining the firm in 2010, Jim conducted high yield credit and quantitative equity research at Columbia Management. He earned a BS in finance from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management and is a CFA charterholder.

#### Jake Rath

##### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Jake Rath is a member of the credit research team in our fixed income group. Jake is also a portfolio manager for our intermediate core and core mandates. He joined the firm in 2007 from U.S. Bank, where he was involved in underwriting middle market subordinated debt transactions. Jake also performed financial analysis at Allianz Life and began his career with Ernst & Young. He earned a BA in economics from St. Olaf College and an MA in accountancy from University of Virginia. Jake 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	0.17	0.49	0.81	0.27	0.08	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	0.17	0.26	0.28	0.20	0.06	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.23	0.53	0.07	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	8-2016	9.2	8-2016	5.3	—	—	—	—
Worst	1-2016	-3.8	5-2017	2.7	—	—	—	—
Average		3.2		3.3				
No. of Periods		39		15				
Pct. Positive		84.6		100.0				

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The Treasury curve had little change over Q3. The 2-year Treasury yield ended the quarter at 1.48%, while the 10-year increased to 2.33%. The spread between 2-year and 10-year rates decreased by 7 basis points (bps), leading to a minimally flatter curve.

Credit spreads of investment grade corporate bonds tightened by 8 bps during Q3. Overall, lower quality BBB bonds continued to outperform higher quality (A-AAA) bonds and longer maturity bonds outperformed short and intermediate bonds. Basic materials and energy produced the highest excess return over Treasuries. Meanwhile, capital goods and communications were the bottom performers based on excess return.

Overall the Fund benefited from tightening credit spreads. The Fund's overweight to BBB rated securities provided positive performance relative to the benchmark while the Fund's underweight, and under risk, positioning in basic materials detracted from performance. Security selection continues to be a primary driver of relative performance. The Fund seeks to add value by

focusing on stable to improving credit profiles and selectively participating in new issues that provide opportunity for significant spread compression relative to the benchmark.

We continue to favor large companies with stable to improving credit profiles. We avoid companies that are likely to finance large acquisitions with debt or are likely to engage in shareholder friendly activity at the expense of bondholders.

Sector over-weights are in banking, utilities and communications. We prefer companies that focus on the U.S. market, generate consistent cash flow and are in the process of reducing debt. The regulatory environment in banking and utilities has also had a favorable impact on the credit profile of these companies.

Interest rate positioning relative to the benchmark continues to be largely neutral. Our philosophy is grounded in a tight risk management focus which reinforces our belief that interest rate calls are difficult to time and expensive when wrong.



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