



# RBC High Yield Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide a high level of income with the potential for modest capital growth. The fund invests primarily in higher yielding corporate debt securities issued by Canadian and U.S. corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF496
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF896
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF796
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF096

Inception Date	October 2010
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	1,816.5
Series A NAV \$	10.45
Series A MER %	1.45
Benchmark	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

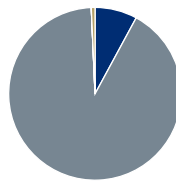
Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

Fund Category	High Yield Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2018

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	7.9
Fixed Income	91.4
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.7

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	0.0
Corporate Bonds	92.0
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	8.0
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	8.0	Under 1 year	0.7
AAA	0.0	1 - 5 Yrs	17.7
AA	0.4	5 - 10 Yrs	76.1
A	1.5	Over 10 Yrs	5.5
BBB	15.5		
Below BBB	74.6	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	6.4
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	4.8
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	4.6

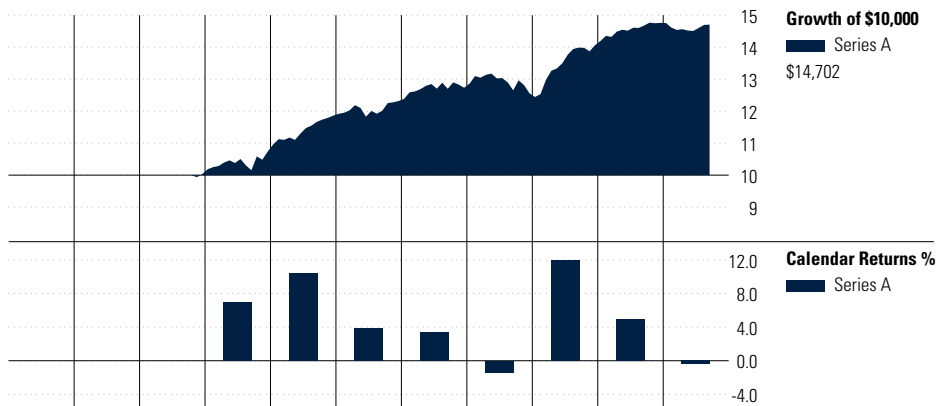
### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	15.8
United States	83.8
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.4
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Videotron Ltee 5.75% 15-01-2026	2.1
ArcelorMittal S.A. 8% 15-10-2039	1.9
Western Digital Corp. 4.75% 15-02-2026	1.7
Cco Hldgs Cap 144A 5.75% 15-02-2026	1.7
Lennar Corporation 5.25% 01-06-2026	1.6
Hanesbrands Inc. 4.88% 15-05-2026	1.6
Diamond 2 144A 7.125% 15-06-2026	1.4
Vermilion Energy Inc. 5.62% 15-03-2025	1.4
HCA Inc. 4.5% 15-02-2027	1.4
Equinix, Inc. 5.88% 15-01-2026	1.3
Adient Global Hldgs 4.875% 15-08-2026	1.3
Seven Generations Engy 5.38% 30-09-2025	1.3
T-Mobile USA, Inc. 4.75% 01-02-2028	1.3
HCA Inc. 5.88% 15-02-2026	1.2
CSC Holdings, LLC 5.5% 15-04-2027	1.2
Ball Corporation 4.88% 15-03-2026	1.1
Baytex Energy Corp 5.12% 01-06-2021	1.1
Hilton Dom. Op. Co 5.12% 01-05-2026	1.1
Boyd Gaming Corporation 6.38% 01-04-2026	1.1
American Axle & Manufact 6.5% 01-04-2027	1.1
Six Flags Ent Corp New 5.5% 15-04-2027	1.1
Post Holdings Inc. 5.75% 01-03-2027	1.1
Lamb Weston Holdings 4.88% 01-11-2026	1.1
FMG Resources 5.12% 15-05-2024	1.1
Blue Racer Midstream 6.125% 15-07-2026	1.1
<b>Total % of Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>33.3</b>
<b>Total Number of Stock Holdings</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Number of Bond Holdings</b>	<b>2,065</b>
<b>Total Number of Other Holdings</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>2,086</b>

## Performance Analysis as of September 30, 2018



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	YTD	
Return %	—	—	—	7.0	10.4	3.9	3.4	-1.4	12.0	5.0	-0.4	Fund
Quartile	—	—	—	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Quartile

Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Return %	0.1	1.4	1.1	0.2	5.1	4.1	—	5.1	Fund
Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	448	445	441	431	301	204	46	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Frank Gambino

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Frank Gambino is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Currencies. He has been in the investment industry since 1990.

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Stephen Notidis is Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Currencies. He has been in the investment industry since 1995.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of September 30, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	0.32	0.38	0.39	0.46	0.49	0.48	0.57	0.51	0.07	—	—
Interest	0.32	0.38	0.39	0.46	0.49	0.48	0.46	0.51	0.05	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.11	—	0.03	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	9-2012	14.9	9-2014	7.7	9-2016	6.6	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-4.3	1-2016	1.4	4-2018	3.6	—	—
Average		5.3		4.9		4.9		—
No. of Periods		84		60		36		—
Pct. Positive		89.3		100.0		100.0		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2018

During Q3 of 2018, U.S. high yield bonds outperformed Canadian investment grade bonds. Both markets had to contend with an increase in government bond yields (slightly higher in Canada than the U.S.) and talk of trade wars. In high yield bonds, lower quality bonds continued to outperform higher quality bonds, but the difference was less pronounced than earlier in the year. Global growth continued to run at an above-average pace, but began to decelerate, while the U.S. economy remained strong and grew at its fastest pace in four years. The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) continued to gradually tighten monetary policy through rate hikes and the continued shrinking of its balance sheet. Meanwhile, key supports for the high yield market remained in place. Credit conditions were benign, corporate health remained stable, the net supply of newly issued bonds remained lower than expected, the price of oil continued to recover and the corporate default rate remained low. The fund maintained its overall defensive positioning during

the period and modestly increased the portfolio's quality by slightly increasing its allocation to investment grade bonds. Compared to its benchmark, the fund benefitted by its exposure to U.S. high yield bonds in general as they outperformed the broad Canadian investment grade market as rates rose.

Demand for yield and a healthy economic backdrop should continue to provide support for high yield corporate bonds compared to other fixed income assets. There are potential headwinds though. The credit cycle is at an advanced stage, and valuations are hitting cycle highs. While relative performance may remain attractive, it is likely that future absolute returns will be lower than in the recent past. We intend to closely monitor the credit quality of the portfolio, and look to add attractively valued bonds as they become available.



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