

# PH&N Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide relatively high yields and stability of capital by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of fixed income securities issued by Canadian governments and corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	No Load	CAD	RBF5110

Inception Date	June 2007
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	9,785.6
Series F NAV \$	10.30
Series F MER %	0.49
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

Sales Status	Partially Reopen to existing unit holder
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Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

Fund Category	Canadian Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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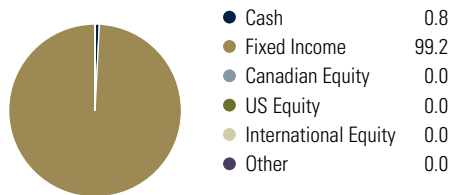
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Notes

Effective July 4, 2016, units of this fund will not be available for purchases by new investors. Existing investors who hold units of the fund can continue to make additional investments into the fund.

## Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

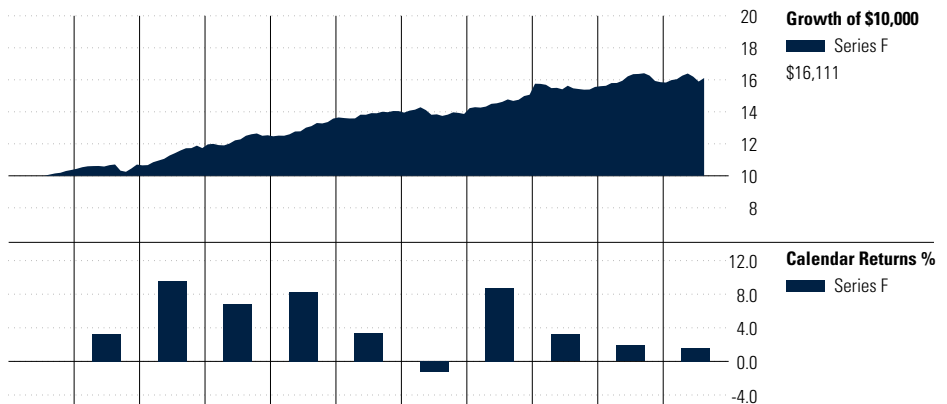
Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	71.8
Corporate Bonds	25.7
Other Bonds	1.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.6
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	0.9
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	0.9	Under 1 year	2.8
AAA	44.3	1 - 5 Yrs	38.0
AA	29.9	5 - 10 Yrs	30.3
A	13.1	Over 10 Yrs	28.9
BBB	10.8		
Below BBB	0.4	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.1
Mortgages	0.6	Duration (Yrs)	7.4
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.3

### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	98.0
United States	2.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of August 31, 2017



Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD	Fund Quartile
Return %	—	3.3	9.6	6.8	8.3	3.4	-1.3	8.7	3.2	1.9	1.6	—
Rank	—	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—

Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Return %	1.4	-1.7	0.8	-1.6	2.9	3.0	4.8	4.8	Fund
Rank	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	613	609	602	579	452	366	146	—	—

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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### PH&N Fixed Income Team

With one of the largest bond desks in Canada consisting of over 30 investment professionals, Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (PH&N IM) has been managing bonds since 1970 and currently manages fixed income portfolios according to strict quality and diversification guidelines. PH&N IM's strengths as a bond manager are directly related to its depth of resources – both people and technology – dedicated to the management of fixed income portfolios.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.15	0.40	0.57	0.34	0.32	0.47	0.41	0.51	0.52	0.42	0.19
Interest	0.15	0.27	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.32	0.35	0.39	0.44	0.39	0.19
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.12	0.26	0.04	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.12	0.09	0.03	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	10-2009	14.4	10-2011	9.0	7-2012	6.8	6-2017	4.9
Worst	7-2017	-2.8	7-2017	2.8	7-2017	2.7	7-2017	4.7
Average		5.0		5.2		5.0		4.8
No. of Periods		111		87		63		3
Pct. Positive		89.2		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2017

The Fund enjoyed another strong quarter, with the final result masking the intra-period volatility as yields were on the decline during most of the quarter before increasing considerably at quarter end. The Fund entered the second quarter cautiously positioned with a modest short duration compared to its benchmark (the Fund was positioned for interest rates to rise), and then became even shorter as interest rates declined. This strategy was modestly helpful to performance when rates rebounded toward the end of the quarter.

On the credit side, our view remained cautious. As credit spreads continued to tighten throughout the quarter, we reduced the Fund's modest overweight position in corporate bonds to a neutral position. Provincial bonds were also reduced to a modest overweight position versus the benchmark by the

end of the quarter. The small size of these positions and relative calm in credit markets this quarter meant that these strategies were neutral to relative performance. We would like to see better valuations (i.e., higher yield spreads) in these sectors in order to take more meaningful positions. In the meantime, we are content with being patient.

We also engaged in out-of-benchmark strategies in the Fund, including small positions in inflation-linked bonds, U.S. Treasuries, and maple bonds (U.S. companies that issue bonds in Canada in Canadian dollars). These strategies help diversify the portfolio in sectors where we see opportunities to outperform traditional Canadian bonds, and were moderately helpful to performance.

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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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