

# PH&N Short Term Bond & Mortgage Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide relatively high yields and stability of capital by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of short-term fixed income securities issued by Canadian governments and corporations, and first mortgages on property located in Canada.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	No Load	CAD	RBF5250

Inception Date	June 2007
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	6,478.7
Series F NAV \$	10.14
Series F MER %	0.49
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

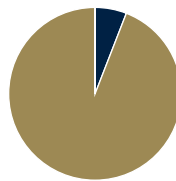
Sales Status	Reopen
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

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

## Portfolio Analysis as of April 30, 2018

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	5.9
Fixed Income	94.1
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Canada Govt 1.75% 01-05-2020	5.3
Canada (Government of) 0.5% 01-03-2022	4.8
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.45% 15-06-2020	4.1
Canada Housing Tr No.1 1.25% 15-12-2020	3.7
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.4% 15-12-2022	3.1
Canada (Government of) 4.25% 01-12-2021	3.1
Canada Housing Tr No.1 1.25% 15-06-2021	3.1
Province of Alberta 1.25% 01-06-2020	2.6
Ontario (Province Of) 4.2% 02-06-2020	2.4
Toronto Dominion Bk 1.68% 08-06-2021	2.0
<b>Total % of Top 10 Holdings</b>	<b>34.2</b>
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	237
Total Number of Other Holdings	14
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>251</b>

### Fixed Income Breakdown

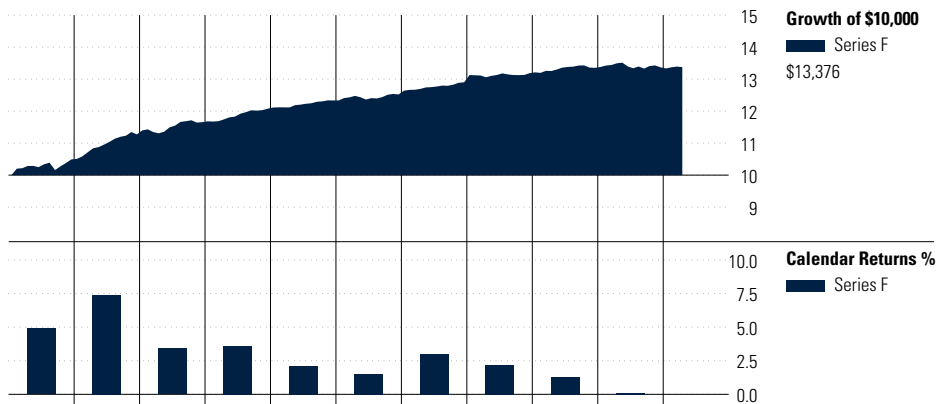
	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	53.5
Corporate Bonds	34.1
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	8.4
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	4.0
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	4.0	Under 1 year	14.7
AAA	48.2	1 - 5 Yrs	77.3
AA	13.0	5 - 10 Yrs	8.0
A	13.5	Over 10 Yrs	0.0
BBB	12.3		
Below BBB	0.6	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	2.7
Mortgages	8.4	Duration (Yrs)	2.5
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.4

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	100.0
United States	0.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of April 30, 2018



Year	Calendar Returns %	Fund Quartile
2008	4.9 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2009	7.4 1 <sup>st</sup>	
2010	3.4 1 <sup>st</sup>	
2011	3.6 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2012	2.1 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2013	1.5 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2014	3.0 1 <sup>st</sup>	
2015	2.2 1 <sup>st</sup>	
2016	1.3 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
2017	0.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
YTD	0.0 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

Period	Trailing Return %	No. of Funds in Category
1 Mth	-0.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	252
3 Mth	0.3 2 <sup>nd</sup>	249
6 Mth	-0.3 3 <sup>rd</sup>	244
1 Yr	-0.9 2 <sup>nd</sup>	234
3 Yr	0.8 2 <sup>nd</sup>	192
5 Yr	1.4 2 <sup>nd</sup>	139
10 Yr	2.7 1 <sup>st</sup>	53
Since Incep.	2.9	—

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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 April 30, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	0.05	0.18	0.20	0.23	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.36	0.32	0.33
Interest	0.05	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.33
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	0.05	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	9-2009	10.2	8-2010	5.9	6-2012	4.6	6-2017	3.2
Worst	4-2018	-0.9	1-2018	0.5	4-2018	1.4	4-2018	2.7
Average		3.0		3.0		2.9		3.0
No. of Periods		119		95		71		11
Pct. Positive		94.1		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2018

Short-term yields increased over the quarter, making it a challenging environment for absolute returns. During the quarter, we slightly increased the Fund's exposure to bonds at the longer end of the Fund's allowed range, which contributed positively to relative performance as these longer issues (i.e., four- to seven-year bonds) outperformed during this yield-curve flattening. Despite these modest tactical moves, the Fund is overall positioned with a duration/maturity profile roughly in line with that of the benchmark.

We continue to have a cautious view on credit strategies. The Fund's close-to-benchmark position in corporate bonds was maintained over the

quarter as we wait to capitalize on more compelling reward-for-risk opportunities should they emerge. In government credit, we continue to prefer federal government-agency bonds and government-guaranteed mortgage-backed securities over provincial bonds.

The Fund's major out-of-benchmark strategy remains its important allocation to mortgages, which continues to offer attractive yield in a sector we understand well and in which we have a long track record of conservatively investing. Our mortgage allocation was the primary driver of value added over the quarter.

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