

# PH&N Short Term Bond & Mortgage Fund

## Investment Objective

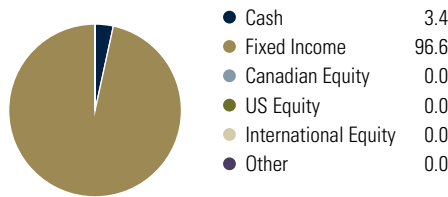
To provide relatively high yields and stability of capital by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of short-term fixed income securities issued by Canadian governments and corporations, and first mortgages on property located in Canada.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	No Load	CAD	RBF5250
Inception Date		June 2007	
Total Fund Assets \$Mil		5,871.3	
Series F NAV \$		10.29	
Series F MER %		0.49	
Benchmark		FTSE TMX Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index	
Income Distribution		Quarterly	
Capital Gains Distribution		Annually	
Sales Status		Partially Reopen to existing unit holder	
Min. Investment \$		500	
Subsequent Investment \$		25	
Fund Category		Canadian Short Term Fixed Income	
Management Company		RBC Global Asset Management Inc.	
Web Site		www.rbcgam.com	

## Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	53.7
Corporate Bonds	32.3
Other Bonds	1.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	10.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	3.0
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

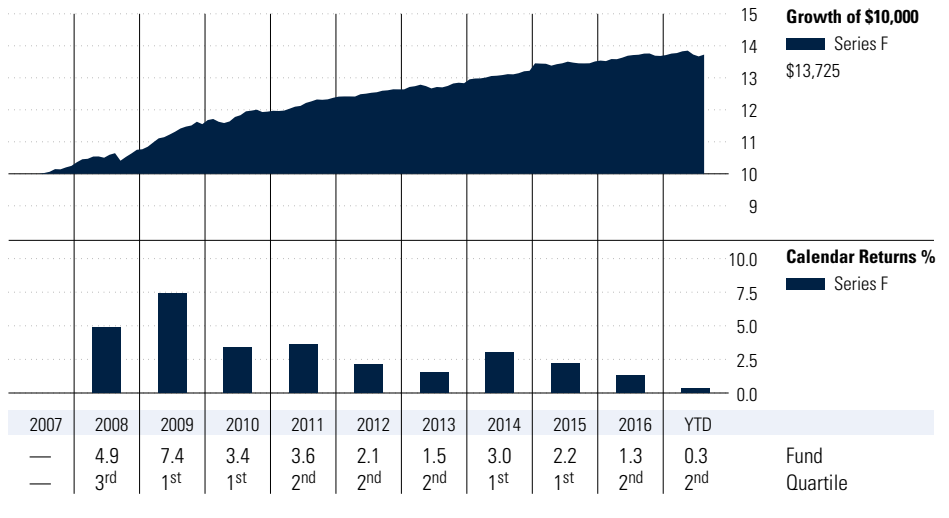
Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	3.0	Under 1 year	9.4
AAA	50.5	1 - 5 Yrs	79.7
AA	12.1	5 - 10 Yrs	10.9
A	10.8	Over 10 Yrs	0.0
BBB	13.0		
Below BBB	0.6	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	2.9
Mortgages	10.0	Duration (Yrs)	2.7
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	1.9

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Canada	99.0
United States	1.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

Top 10 Holdings	% Assets
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-08-2019	7.8
Canada Govt 1% 01-09-2022	5.9
Ontario Prov Cda 4.2% 02-06-2020	5.2
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.25% 15-06-2021	3.4
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.25% 15-12-2020	3.4
Canada Govt 0.5% 01-03-2022	3.1
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.45% 15-06-2020	2.7
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.95% 15-06-2019	2.4
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2% 15-12-2019	2.2
Alberta Prov Cda 1.25% 01-06-2020	2.1
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	38.3
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	245
Total Number of Other Holdings	9
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>254</b>

## Performance Analysis as of August 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
0.4	-0.9	-0.2	0.0	1.5	1.8	3.2	3.2	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	Quartile
247	241	233	228	195	140	49	—	No. of Funds in Category

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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	0.10	0.20	0.23	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.36	0.32	0.33	0.18
Interest	0.10	0.20	0.22	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.18
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	7-2017	-0.3	7-2017	1.5	7-2017	1.8	7-2017	3.1
Average		3.2		3.2		3.0		3.2
No. of Periods		111		87		63		3
Pct. Positive		99.1		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2017

The Fund's negative return this quarter was the result of a flattening yield curve, where short-term interest rates increased considerably more than longer term rates. The reason for this is because their shorter-term nature aligns them closer to the Bank of Canada's overnight target rate, which the market anticipates will increase in the very near future. The Fund, from a strategic standpoint, was well positioned for this development by employing a short duration versus its benchmark throughout the quarter. This strategy was a key contributor to the Fund's outperformance compared to its benchmark, which suffered even more as a result of rising short-term rates this quarter.

From a credit standpoint, our view remained cautious during the quarter. The Fund maintained a

minimal corporate overweight position as corporate spreads continued to tighten modestly. We would like to see better valuations (i.e., higher yield spreads) in corporate bonds before taking more meaningful positions. In government credit, we continue to prefer federal government agency bonds and government-guaranteed mortgage-backed securities (MBS) over provincial bonds. This view neither helped nor hurt the Fund's performance materially this quarter.

The Fund's major out-of-benchmark strategy remains its allocation to commercial mortgages, which continues to offer an attractive yield in a sector that we understand well and have a long track record of conservatively investing in.

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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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