

# PH&N High Yield Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide a high level of income and the opportunity for capital appreciation by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of fixed income securities issued by Canadian and/or foreign corporations and governments.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	No Load	CAD	RBF5280

Inception Date	June 2007
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	4,124.2
Series F NAV \$	12.24
Series F MER %	0.88
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe 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	High Yield 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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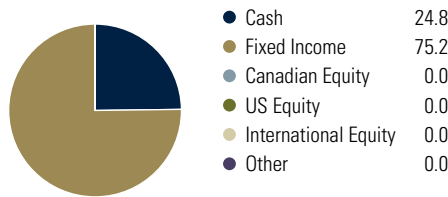
## Notes

Effective April 7, 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.

Fund's investment objective changed November 28, 2011.

## Portfolio Analysis as of October 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

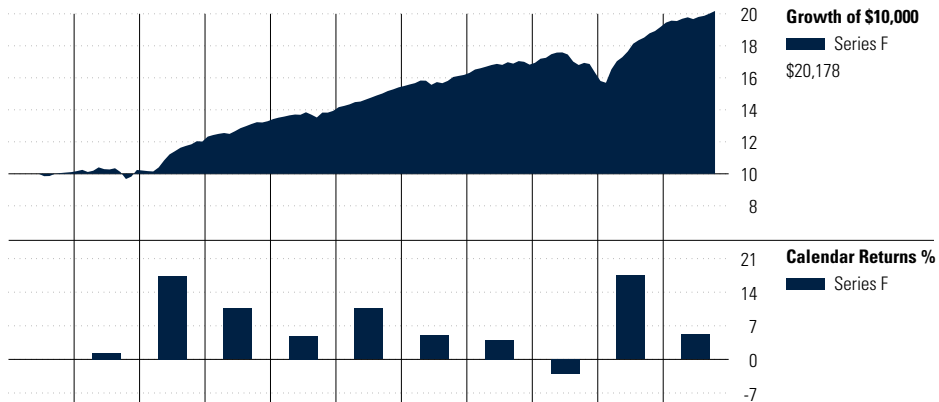
Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	1.2
Corporate Bonds	74.7
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	24.1
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	24.1	Under 1 year	24.6
AAA	1.2	1 - 5 Yrs	42.7
AA	0.0	5 - 10 Yrs	31.1
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	1.6
BBB	6.2		
Below BBB	68.1	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	3.9
Mortgages	—	Duration (Yrs)	2.7
NR/NA	0.4	Yield to Maturity	4.3

### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	72.4
United States	27.6
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of October 31, 2017



Year	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	YTD	Fund Quartile
—	—	1st	4th	3rd	2nd	3rd	2nd	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	Fund Quartile

Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
0.8	0.8	1.9	2.5	7.4	5.8	5.9	7.2	7.0	Fund
2nd	2nd	2nd	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	—	Quartile
571	568	540	493	349	216	48	—	—	No. of Funds in Category

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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Hanif Mamdani

#### Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management

Hanif is Head of Alternative Investments and a member of the Asset Mix Committee at RBC Global Asset Management Inc. Hanif has expertise in corporate finance, options valuation, credit analysis and risk management. He is accountable for the portfolio strategy for all corporate bonds and for the investment strategy and performance of the PH&N High Yield Bond Fund and a multi-strategy hedge fund.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.46	0.69	0.67	0.69	0.65	0.79	0.68	0.96	0.55	0.62	0.68
Interest	0.46	0.60	0.67	0.69	0.65	0.64	0.68	0.55	0.50	0.54	0.32
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.09	—	—	—	0.14	—	0.40	0.05	0.08	0.36
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	2-2017	24.8	10-2011	12.6	10-2013	10.7	8-2017	7.3
Worst	2-2016	-8.7	2-2016	0.2	2-2016	3.0	6-2017	7.0
Average		7.5		7.3		7.3		7.2
No. of Periods		113		89		65		5
Pct. Positive		89.4		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The high yield market had another strong quarter despite already high valuations, rising interest rates and plenty of geopolitical risk.

The overall market currently yields about 5.5%, with an average spread of about +375 basis points. This appears expensive by historical standards, yet an increasingly positive global economic backdrop, low levels of default and investors' relentless search for yield have kept the market buoyant.

In response to this market environment, PH&N High Yield Bond Fund has maintained its large foundation of cash, near-cash substitutes and short-duration investment-grade corporate bonds to provide stability and liquidity. Layered above is a core of Canadian high-yield names with low sensitivity to broader market movements that are in stable, non-cyclical/non-resource industries, but still provide good running yields. Finally, there

remain a few higher-yielding opportunistic positions (both energy and non-energy) that could provide some modest capital appreciation.

A potentially rising interest rate environment can pose challenges to maintaining current allocations to fixed income, but the need for stability in the portfolio to balance the volatility of equities remains. In our minds, high-yield bonds (managed tactically to provide a low-risk and low-duration profile) may offer an effective route to remaining invested in fixed income with decreased exposure to a higher government bond yield curve.

Furthermore, we believe that our unique portfolio structure will provide the right balance of low interest rate sensitivity, high liquidity, modest credit risk and reasonable running yields/upside potential while we wait for better entry points in the credit cycle to add traditional high-yield bonds.

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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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