

# PH&N Total Return Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide stability of capital and maximum total return by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of Canadian fixed income securities and derivatives based on the value of fixed income instruments.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
F	No Load	CAD	RBF5340

Inception Date	June 2007
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	8,750.3
Series F NAV \$	11.24
Series F MER %	0.50
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

Sales Status	Open
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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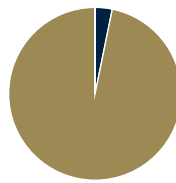
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Notes

Top Holdings:  
The holdings are shown on a look through basis whereby if the fund holds units of an RBC GAM fund, the individual holdings of that fund are shown based on their proportional ownership in the fund as a whole.

## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2018

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	3.2
Fixed Income	96.8
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	70.5
Corporate Bonds	25.3
Other Bonds	1.2
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.2
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	2.8
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	2.8	Under 1 year	5.1
AAA	43.2	1 - 5 Yrs	40.0
AA	28.7	5 - 10 Yrs	23.4
A	14.2	Over 10 Yrs	31.5
BBB	10.0		
Below BBB	0.9	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.4
Mortgages	0.2	Duration (Yrs)	7.5
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.6

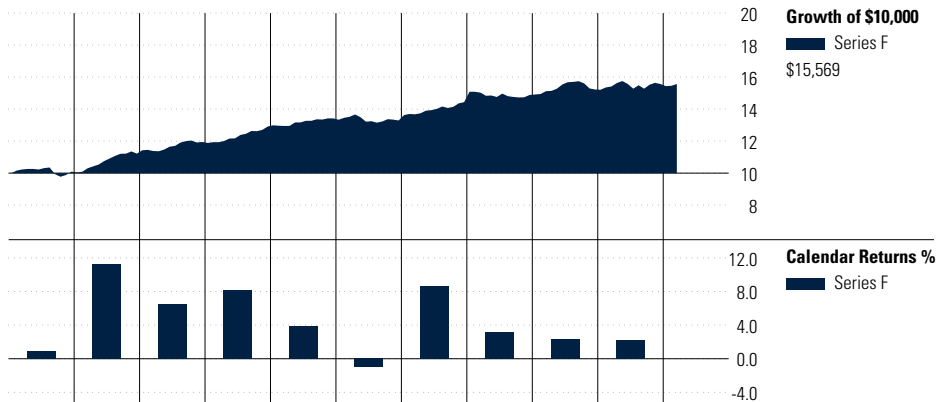
### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	98.8
United States	1.2
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Canada Govt 1.75% 01-03-2023	5.0
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.4% 15-12-2022	4.2
Canada Govt 2.75% 01-12-2048	3.2
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.75% 15-06-2022	3.0
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-03-2021	2.8
Ontario (Province Of) 3.5% 02-06-2043	2.5
Ontario Prov Cda 6.2% 02-06-2031	2.4
Canada Govt 1.75% 01-05-2020	2.4
Ontario Prov Cda 4.6% 02-06-2039	2.3
Ontario Prov Cda 3.5% 02-06-2024	2.2
Canada Housing Tr No.1 1.25% 15-06-2021	2.0
Canada Govt 3.25% 01-06-2021	1.8
Canada Govt 1.5% 01-03-2020	1.6
Ontario Prov Cda 5.6% 02-06-2035	1.6
Quebec Prov Cda 8.5% 01-04-2026	1.6
Canada Govt 3.5% 01-06-2020	1.5
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-09-2020	1.5
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-09-2021	1.3
US Treasury Note 2.75% 15-02-2028	1.2
Ontario Prov Cda 2.9% 02-12-2046	1.1
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.25% 15-12-2020	1.1
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.35% 15-06-2027	1.0
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.5% 15-12-2021	1.0
Ontario Prov Cda 8.5% 02-12-2025	0.9
Manitoba Prov Cda 2.85% 05-09-2046	0.9
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	50.2
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	412
Total Number of Other Holdings	6
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>418</b>

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2018



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	YTD	
Calendar Returns %	0.9	11.2	6.5	8.1	3.9	-1.0	8.6	3.1	2.3	2.2	0.0	Fund Quartile
	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	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>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	0.7	0.0	1.9	1.0	1.2	2.9	4.3	4.6	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
	536	532	524	512	406	329	141	—	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 March 31, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	0.08	0.29	0.45	0.53	0.38	0.47	0.38	0.47	0.57	0.61	0.35
Interest	0.08	0.29	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.38	0.38	0.43	0.40	0.51	0.35
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	0.14	0.21	0.05	0.09	—	0.04	0.17	0.10	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	11-2009	14.9	1-2012	8.9	7-2012	6.6	6-2017	4.9
Worst	9-2017	-3.0	1-2018	0.8	9-2017	2.7	2-2018	4.3
Average		4.7		5.0		4.9		4.6
No. of Periods		118		94		70		10
Pct. Positive		87.3		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2018

Interest rates were volatile over the quarter and the Fund's interest-rate positioning worked well to take advantage of this volatility. The Fund began the quarter with a modestly shorter maturity than the benchmark in anticipation of rising yields. After yields rose meaningfully in the first half of the quarter on the back of better-than-expected economic data and the resulting rate hike from the Bank of Canada, we increased the Fund's maturity to slightly longer than that of the benchmark. At that time, our view was that the bond market did not properly reflect more recent pessimistic economic data and that bond yields would likely fall in response. This expectation was subsequently realized.

We increased the Fund's exposure to provincial bonds during the quarter as provincial spreads widened, making them more attractive to buy. Nonetheless, we continue to prefer government-agency bonds, specifically Canada Housing Trust No. 1 bonds, which are fully guaranteed by the

federal government. We continue to have a cautious view on corporate bonds and have maintained a close-to-neutral position relative to the benchmark during the quarter, with a bias toward higher-quality, less-cyclical issuers. The reward for risk associated with high-yield bonds continued to look unappealing and the Fund retained a zero weight as a result. We would like to see better valuations (i.e., wider yield spreads) in these sectors to take more meaningful positions. In the meantime, we are content to be patient.

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

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