

# 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	8,072.6
Series F NAV \$	11.57
Series F MER %	0.55
Series F Adjusted 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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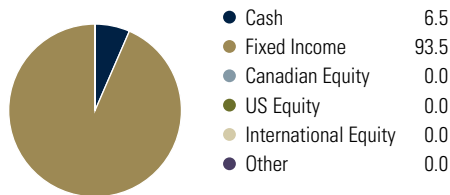
## Notes

### 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 April 30, 2017

### Asset Mix



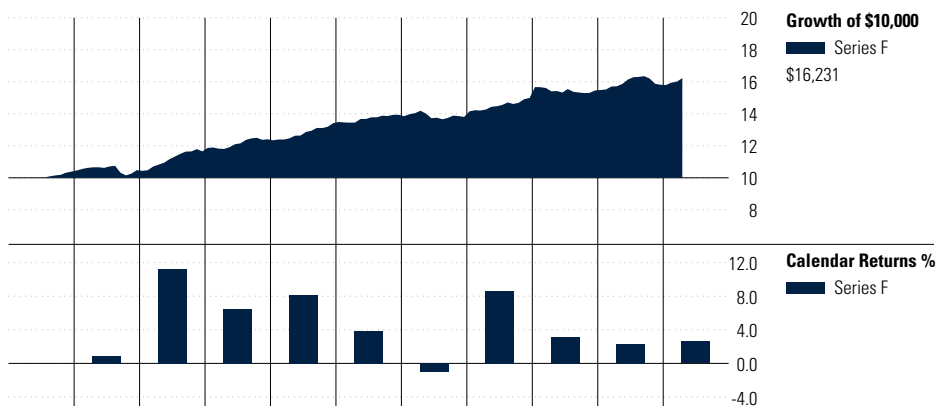
### Fixed Income Breakdown

Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	62.6
Corporate Bonds	30.7
Other Bonds	0.5
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.1
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	6.1
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	6.1	Under 1 year	9.0
AAA	30.5	1 - 5 Yrs	34.3
AA	32.3	5 - 10 Yrs	27.3
A	16.5	Over 10 Yrs	29.4
BBB	14.0		
Below BBB	0.5	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	9.6
Mortgages	0.1	Duration (Yrs)	6.9
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.1

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Canada	99.2
United States	0.8
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of April 30, 2017



Year	Calendar Returns %	Fund Quartile
2008	0.9	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2009	11.2	1 <sup>st</sup>
2010	6.5	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2011	8.1	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2012	3.9	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2013	-1.0	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2014	8.6	1 <sup>st</sup>
2015	3.1	1 <sup>st</sup>
2016	2.3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
YTD	2.6	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Period	Trailing Return %	No. of Funds in Category
1 Mth	1.4	653
3 Mth	2.8	652
6 Mth	0.1	638
1 Yr	3.2	601
3 Yr	4.4	479
5 Yr	3.8	338
10 Yr	—	131
Since Incep.	5.0	—

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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, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.09	0.45	0.53	0.38	0.47	0.38	0.47	0.57	0.61	0.35	0.22
Interest	0.09	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.38	0.38	0.43	0.40	0.51	0.35	0.22
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	—	—
Worst	1-2016	-1.1	11-2015	3.2	1-2017	3.2	—	—
Average		5.1		5.3		5.2		—
No. of Periods		107		83		59		—
Pct. Positive		89.7		100.0		100.0		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

The Fund enjoyed a decent return in the first quarter as interest rates paused from the abrupt upward turn that occurred late last year and ended the first quarter slightly lower than where they began it.

We entered the year with a view that the abrupt upward turn in interest rates that occurred last year was “too much, too fast,” and the Fund was positioned with a slightly longer duration than its benchmark (a stance carried over from last year). However, this position did not last long, as the murkiness of a regime shift from monetary (i.e., low central bank interest rates) to fiscal (i.e., government spending) stimulation clouded our view. We returned to a modestly short duration strategy by quarter end with a view that the most likely direction for interest rates, once again, is upward. Despite this relatively high level of activity, rate strategies were neutral to performance as interest rates remained range-bound for most of the quarter.

Corporate and provincial bonds continued to outperform Government of Canada bonds this quarter, as low interest rates fueled investor

demand for additional yield, and slow-but-persistent economic growth provided the required confidence in creditworthiness. While we remained overweight in both of these sectors, we were mindful of the length of the rally and the extent of credit spread tightening. With this in mind, we reduced the size of the Fund's overweight position in both provincial and corporate bonds to hedge against the possibility of a negative event or repricing of risk that would lead to a rewidening of spreads. We also continued to “upgrade” corporate bonds in the Fund to higher quality issues and less cyclical industries, and reduced the allocation to high yield bonds. These strategies added to Fund performance in the first quarter.

The Fund also held small out-of-benchmark positions in real return bonds and U.S. Treasury bonds. The former reflects a view that long-term inflation will be higher than the 1.5% that was expected when we entered the position, while the latter provides portfolio “insurance” in the event of a risk sell-off or outperformance of U.S. rates.

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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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