

# 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
A	No Load	CAD	RBF7280
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6280
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4280

Inception Date	November 2008
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	3,978.3
Series A NAV \$	11.93
Series A MER %	1.43
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.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

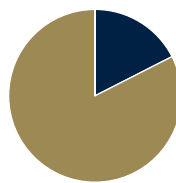
## Notes

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 May 31, 2018

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	17.5
Fixed Income	82.5
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	1.3
Corporate Bonds	81.9
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	16.8
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	16.8	Under 1 year	19.2
AAA	1.3	1 - 5 Yrs	55.5
AA	0.0	5 - 10 Yrs	23.6
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	1.7
BBB	9.3		
Below BBB	72.6	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	4.1
Mortgages	—	Duration (Yrs)	2.8
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	4.6

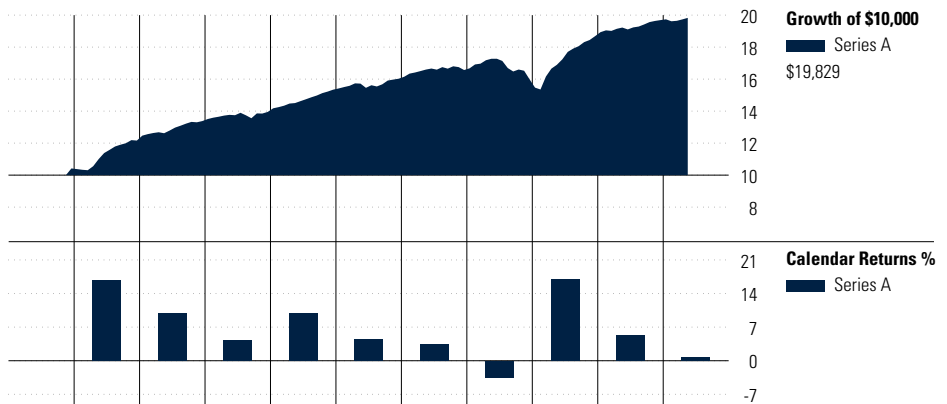
### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	44.8
United States	55.2
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Quebecor Media Inc. 6.62% 15-01-2023	5.9
Enbridge Incorporation 5.38% 27-09-2077	5.8
Seven Generations Engy 6.75% 01-05-2023	5.7
Icahn Enterprises Lp 6.25% 01-08-2020	5.3
Baytex Energy Corp 6.62% 19-07-2022	4.0
Teine Energy Ltd. Usd 6.875% 30-09-2022	3.8
Enbridge Incorporation 6.62% 12-04-2078	3.6
Neptune Finco Corp 10.12% 15-01-2023	3.2
Trilogy Intl Partners 8.875% 01-05-2022	3.1
Baytex Energy Corp. Usd 6.75% 17-02-2021	2.6
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	43.1
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	53
Total Number of Other Holdings	2
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>55</b>

## Performance Analysis as of May 31, 2018



Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	YTD	Fund Quartile
Calendar Returns %	—	16.7 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.0 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.3 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.0 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.4 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-3.5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	16.9 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.4 2 <sup>nd</sup>	0.7 2 <sup>nd</sup>	

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Return	0.5 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.1 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.0 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.1 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.7 1 <sup>st</sup>	4.8 1 <sup>st</sup>	—	7.5	Fund Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	444	443	436	428	292	183	46	—	No. of Funds in Category

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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Hanif Mamdani

#### Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management

Hanif Mamdani is Head of Alternative Investments and is lead manager of a high yield bond strategy, a multi-strategy hedge fund, and a proprietary multi-strategy hedge fund-of-funds solution. He is also a member of the Asset Mix Committee and the RBC GAM Investment Strategy Committee. Hanif holds a master's degree from Harvard University and a bachelor's degree with honours from the California Institute of Technology.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of May 31, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	0.15	0.81	0.62	0.60	0.62	0.58	0.73	0.62	0.91	0.48	0.10
Interest	0.15	0.51	0.53	0.60	0.62	0.58	0.58	0.62	0.51	0.44	0.04
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.30	0.09	—	—	—	0.14	—	0.41	0.05	0.07
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	2-2017	24.1	3-2012	11.6	11-2013	9.8	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-9.3	2-2016	-0.3	2-2016	2.5	—	—
Average		7.1		6.0		6.0		—
No. of Periods		103		79		55		—
Pct. Positive		89.3		98.7		100.0		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2018

The high-yield market had a particularly challenging first quarter as rising interest rates, increasing corporate defaults, persistent outflows from the corporate-bond asset class, a sharp spike in equity-market volatility and ongoing geopolitical risk created a stormy backdrop for credit markets. Simultaneously, high-yield bond valuations were near the most expensive levels seen post-crisis, leaving investors little margin of protection. Nevertheless, the high-yield market's retracement thus far has been fairly orderly with only modest declines in most market sectors. Thanks to its unique portfolio structure, PH&N High Yield Bond Fund held fairly steady through this challenging first quarter.

With the February-March sell-off, the overall high-yield market currently stands at approximately 6.375% yield with an average spread of about +380 basis points. This is still expensive by historical standards and leaves the market somewhat vulnerable if this is, in fact, the late stage of the current credit cycle.

In response to this more dangerous phase of the cycle, the Fund has started to reduce risk more proactively by trimming longer-dated and/or

higher-beta positions. This risk reduction has added to the Fund's already-large foundation of cash and near-cash substitutes, which may pressure near-term performance if markets temporarily rebound later this year, but will ultimately provide stability and liquidity as we potentially enter a bear credit market in the next 12 to 24 months. The Fund continues to hold core positions in lower-beta names at decent running yields and a few select opportunistic positions that could provide capital appreciation. We believe this combined portfolio can achieve reasonable returns, even in a more challenging credit environment.

Despite caution regarding the overall high-yield asset class at this stage of the cycle, high-yield bonds (correctly and tactically managed with a focus on lower-risk/shorter-duration instruments) can still play an important role for fixed-income investors in a rising interest-rate environment. Furthermore, we believe the Fund's unique structure and opportunistic approach to managing credit risk will provide reasonable risk-adjusted returns over the tricky phase of the cycle that may be approaching.

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