

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	3,990.2
Series A NAV \$	12.02
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

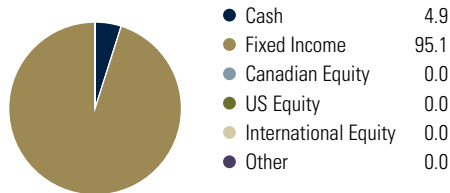
Notes

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 January 31, 2018

Asset Mix



Fixed Income Breakdown

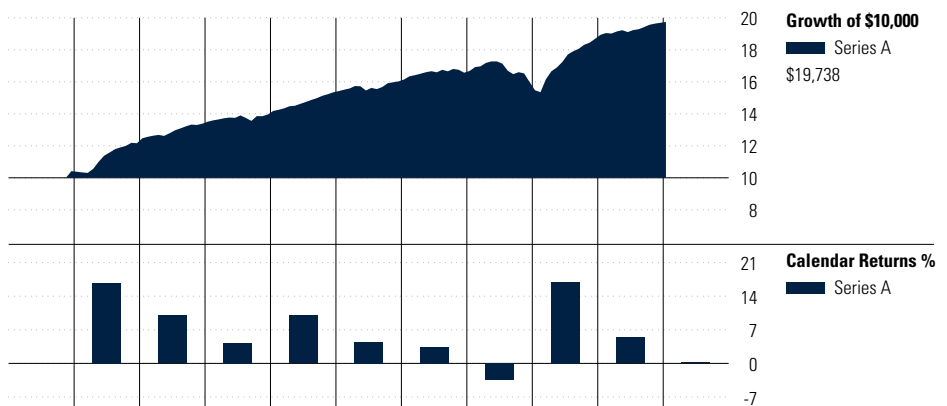
Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	1.3
Corporate Bonds	92.6
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	6.1
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	6.1	Under 1 year	11.0
AAA	1.2	1 - 5 Yrs	48.1
AA	0.0	5 - 10 Yrs	39.2
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	1.7
BBB	8.4		
Below BBB	83.8	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	5.0
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	3.4
NR/NA	0.5	Yield to Maturity	4.7

Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	58.0
United States	42.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

Performance Analysis as of January 31, 2018



Year	Calendar Returns %	Fund Quartile
2008	—	—
2009	16.7	4 th
2010	10.0	3 rd
2011	4.3	2 nd
2012	10.0	3 rd
2013	4.5	3 rd
2014	3.4	3 rd
2015	-3.5	3 rd
2016	16.9	1 st
2017	5.4	2 nd
YTD	0.2	2 nd

Period	Trailing Return %	Fund Quartile	No. of Funds in Category
1 Mth	0.2	2 nd	588
3 Mth	0.9	1 st	587
6 Mth	2.6	1 st	562
1 Yr	4.2	2 nd	495
3 Yr	5.8	1 st	360
5 Yr	5.1	1 st	242
10 Yr	—	—	47
Since Incep.	7.7	—	—

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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 January 31, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	0.81	0.62	0.60	0.62	0.58	0.73	0.62	0.91	0.48	0.10
Interest	—	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		7.3		6.1		6.1		—
No. of Periods		99		75		51		—
Pct. Positive		88.9		98.7		100.0		—

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

Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2017

The high-yield market was largely range-bound this quarter with yields moving between 5.9% and 6.3%. This tight range speaks to the challenging valuations we have seen, driven by a favourable economic backdrop and general corporate health, a low default rate and demand for yield. These levels seem adequate in the current environment, but leave little compensation for taking on credit, liquidity and, increasingly, interest-rate risk. There was a brief sell-off in November, but the general risk-on attitude soon reasserted itself and spreads finished the quarter only marginally above where they began.

In response to these stretched valuations, we have maintained our unconventional portfolio structure. This consists of a large foundation of cash, near-cash substitutes and short-duration investment-grade corporate bonds to provide stability and liquidity. We also have a core selection of Canadian high-yield names with low sensitivity to

broader market movements that are in stable, non-cyclical/non-resource-focused industries, but still provide good running yields. Finally, we have a few higher-yielding opportunistic positions. We have been looking for other opportunities in the market as our Energy bonds have slowly been called away and took advantage of the value pockets created by November's dispersion to add to our portfolio.

We believe this structure will provide the right balance of low interest-rate sensitivity, high liquidity, modest credit risk and reasonable running yields/upside potential. In a potentially rising interest-rate environment, high-yield bonds – managed tactically with the right low-risk/low-duration structure – may be an effective way to remain invested in fixed income without material exposure to a much higher government bond yield curve.

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