

# 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
A	No Load	CAD	RBF7340
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6340
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4340

Inception Date	November 2008
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	8,557.8
Series A NAV \$	11.20
Series A MER %	0.00
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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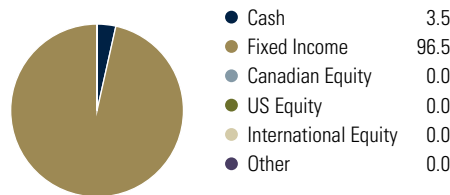
## Notes

### 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 January 31, 2018

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

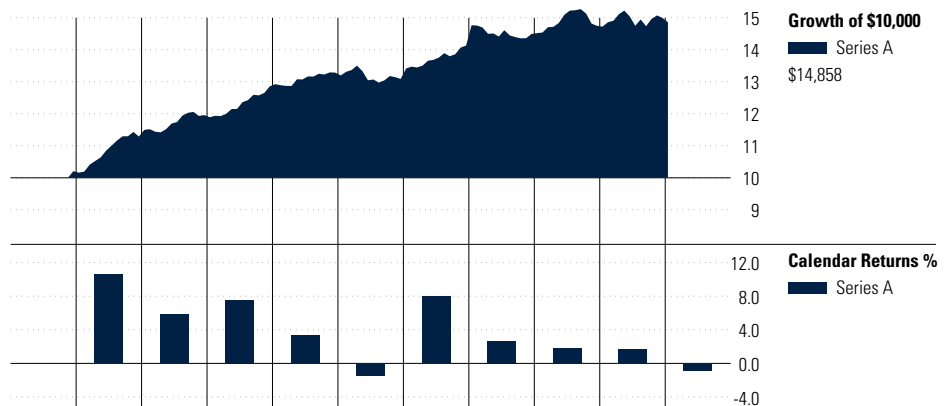
Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	71.3
Corporate Bonds	25.1
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.2
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	3.4
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	3.4	Under 1 year	5.4
AAA	42.8	1 - 5 Yrs	39.3
AA	28.5	5 - 10 Yrs	24.0
A	14.1	Over 10 Yrs	31.3
BBB	10.2		
Below BBB	0.8	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.2
Mortgages	0.2	Duration (Yrs)	7.3
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.6

### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	100.0
United States	0.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of January 31, 2018



Year	Calendar Returns %	Fund Quartile
2008	—	—
2009	10.6	1 <sup>st</sup>
2010	5.9	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2011	7.5	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2012	3.4	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2013	-1.5	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2014	8.0	1 <sup>st</sup>
2015	2.6	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2016	1.8	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2017	1.7	3 <sup>rd</sup>
YTD	-0.9	4 <sup>th</sup>

Period	Trailing Return %	Fund Quartile	No. of Funds in Category
1 Mth	-0.9	4 <sup>th</sup>	615
3 Mth	-0.7	3 <sup>rd</sup>	609
6 Mth	0.7	3 <sup>rd</sup>	603
1 Yr	0.9	3 <sup>rd</sup>	592
3 Yr	0.2	3 <sup>rd</sup>	468
5 Yr	2.4	2 <sup>nd</sup>	374
10 Yr	—	—	151
Since Incep.	4.4	—	—

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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 January 31, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	0.23	0.38	0.47	0.32	0.40	0.32	0.39	0.52	0.56	—
Interest	—	0.23	0.24	0.25	0.27	0.31	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.46	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	0.14	0.22	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	14.3	1-2012	8.4	2-2014	5.7	—	—
Worst	9-2017	-3.5	1-2018	0.2	9-2017	2.1	—	—
Average		4.3		4.2		4.0		
No. of Periods		99		75		51		
Pct. Positive		84.8		100.0		100.0		

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2017

The combination of lower Government of Canada bond yields and credit spread compression resulted in strong positive absolute returns for PH&N Total Return Bond Fund during the fourth quarter. The Fund was positioned with a duration profile in line with that of the benchmark for much of the quarter as yields trended lower. This positioning was adjusted to be moderately shorter than the benchmark in December, benefiting the Fund modestly when yields retraced somewhat on the back of improving economic data, prompting a more optimistic tone from the Bank of Canada. However, the Fund's yield curve positioning detracted slightly resulting from an overweight to the short end of the yield curve and underweight to the long end in an environment where longer-term bonds outperformed shorter-term bonds. Overall, interest-rate anticipation strategies were neutral to relative performance.

We continue to have a cautious view on provincial and corporate bonds. We reduced the Fund's

exposure to provincial bonds during the quarter and used the proceeds to add to holdings in Canada Housing Trust bonds, which are fully guaranteed by the federal government. The Fund is positioned with a small underweight exposure to corporate bonds 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 CAD). These strategies help diversify the Fund in sectors where we see opportunities to outperform traditional Canadian bonds.

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