



# RBC Select Very Conservative Portfolio

## Investment Objective

To provide income and the potential for modest capital growth by investing primarily in funds managed by RBC GAM, emphasizing mutual funds that invest in fixed income securities with some exposure to mutual funds that invest in equity securities. The portfolio invests in a mix of Canadian, U.S. and international funds.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF209
A	No Load	USD	RBF515
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF871
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF787
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF214
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4515
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF544

Inception Date	March 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	13,132.2
Series A NAV \$	12.42
Series A MER %	1.68
Benchmark	80% FTSE TMX CUB 10% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return 5% S&P 500 Total Return (C\$) 5% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net (C\$)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

Fund Category	Canadian Fixed Income Balanced
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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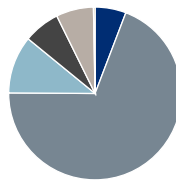
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## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF209).

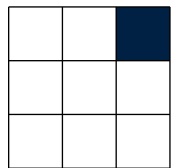
## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	5.8
Fixed Income	69.3
Canadian Equity	10.8
US Equity	6.8
International Equity	7.0
Other	0.3

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.4
P/E Ratio	17.8
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	40.2

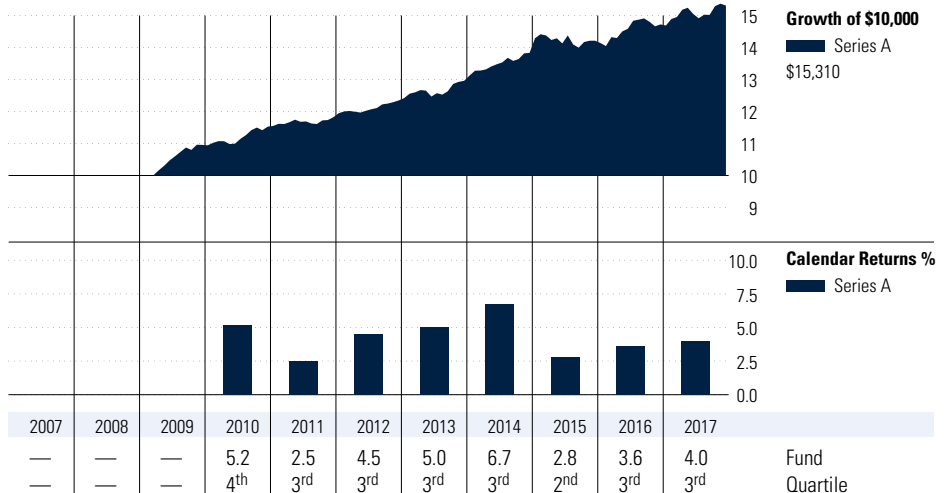
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	27.1
Energy	12.2
Information Technology	11.1
Industrials	10.8
Consumer Discretionary	10.4

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	51.7
Corporate Bonds	36.6
Other Bonds	1.7
Mortgage Backed Securities	1.3
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	7.8
Asset Backed Securities	0.8

## Performance Analysis as of December 31, 2017



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	-0.4	1.9	1.7	4.0	3.4	4.4	—	5.2	Fund
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
	549	547	536	528	433	311	129	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Sarah Riopelle

#### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Sarah Riopelle is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Investment Solutions. Sarah began her investment career in 1996. She is a member of the RBC Investment Strategy Committee and is responsible for the firm's Portfolio Solutions. Sarah has a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and International Management from the University of Ottawa and is a CFA charterholder.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of December 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.19	0.35	0.43	0.48	0.27	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.29	—	—
Interest	0.12	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.21	—	—
Dividends	—	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.07	—	—
Capital Gains	0.07	0.21	0.26	0.34	0.10	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.02	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	3-2010	10.7	3-2012	6.3	3-2014	5.8	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-2.6	8-2017	3.2	2-2016	3.9	—	—
Average		4.6		4.7		4.7		—
No. of Periods		94		70		46		—
Pct. Positive		96.8		100.0		100.0		—

\* Final distribution attribution (interest, dividends, capital gains and return of capital) for 2017 will be reflected with January month-end profiles.

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2017

The global economy is running at the fastest clip in seven years supported by an increasingly broad-based expansion, favourable financial conditions and optimism among businesses and consumers. As a result, we nudged our global growth forecasts higher for 2018 and expect firming inflation. Our forecasts for growth and inflation are slightly above consensus.

The Fund's overweight position in equities and underweight position in fixed income had a positive impact on performance. Bonds issued by national governments posted modest returns in the fourth quarter of 2017 as inflation remained subdued and several major central banks extended bond-buying programs designed to hold down longer-term yields. Longer-maturity bonds outperformed short-dated securities on expectations that central banks will push up benchmark interest rates. Funds that aided returns included tPhillips, Hager & North Bond Fund and Phillips, Hager & North Total Return Bond Fund.

Global equities gained in all major regions, benefiting from the synchronized expansion and renewed profit growth. Japanese stocks outperformed on fiscal stimulus and pro-growth reforms, while the U.S. rallied on corporate-tax cuts. Europe and Canada gained too, but underperformed given their lower exposure to technology. Investments that aided returns included Phillips, Hager & North U.S. Multi-Style All-Cap Equity Fund and RBC European Equity Fund.

We expect bond yields to move gradually higher, supported by the improving economy and monetary tightening. Meanwhile, earnings have been coming through and analysts are optimistic that the trend can persist. U.S. corporate-tax cuts could provide an additional boost to profits. Against this backdrop, equities continue to offer superior total-return potential compared to fixed income and we have maintained our moderate overweight in stocks and underweight in bonds as a result.



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