



# RBC Balanced Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide a combination of capital growth and modest income by investing primarily in a balance of Canadian equities, bonds and short-term debt securities.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF272
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF838
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF738
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF123
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF536
T8	No Load	CAD	RBF596

Inception Date	December 1987
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	5,709.4
Series A NAV \$	14.28
Series A MER %	2.16
Benchmark	45% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index 35% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index 10% S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD) 7% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (CAD) 3% MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (CAD)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

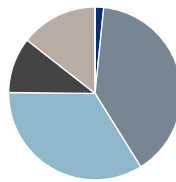
Fund Category	Canadian Neutral Balanced
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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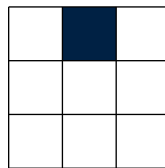
## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	1.6
Fixed Income	39.5
Canadian Equity	34.0
US Equity	10.4
International Equity	14.4
Other	0.0

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	29.3
Energy	13.8
Information Technology	10.8
Industrials	9.9
Consumer Discretionary	8.8

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	%
Govt. Bonds	73.4
Corp. Bonds	25.3
Other Bonds	0.0
MBS	0.0
Cash & Other	1.4
ABS	0.0

### Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.3
P/E Ratio	17.5
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	42.5

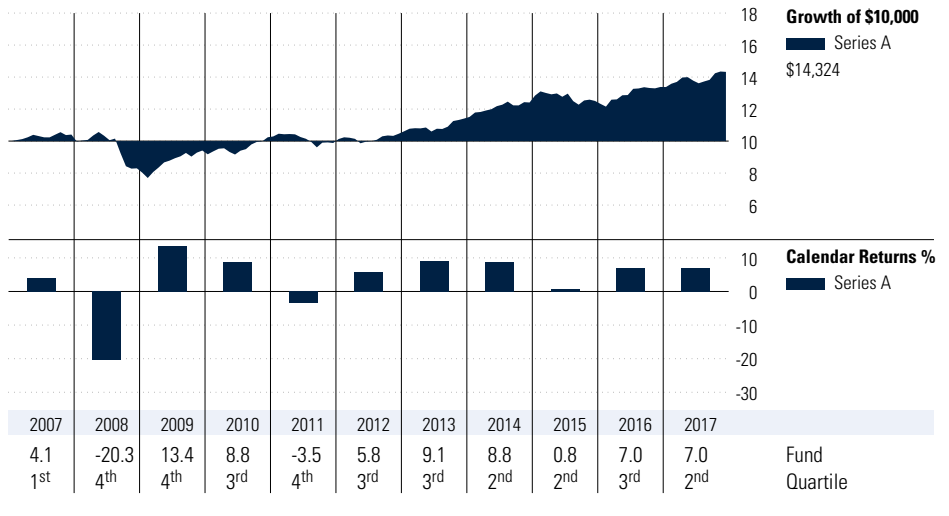
### Characteristics

	%
Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.8
Modified Duration (Yrs)	7.9
Yield to Maturity	2.6

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund	3.8
Royal Bank of Canada	2.5
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	2.2
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.7
RBC Canadian Small & Mid-Cap Res Fund	1.4
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-09-2021	1.3
Enbridge Inc	1.3
Suncor Energy Inc	1.2
Ontario Prov Cda 4.6% 02-06-2039	1.2
Bank of Montreal	1.1
Canadian National Railway Co	1.1
Ontario Prov Cda 2.85% 02-06-2023	1.1
Ontario Prov Cda 4.65% 02-06-2041	1.1
Brookfield Asset Management Inc Class A	1.0
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	1.0
Ontario Prov Cda 3.15% 02-06-2022	1.0
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-03-2021	1.0
Ontario Prov Cda 2.6% 02-06-2025	1.0
Hydro Que Medium Trm Nts 6.5% 15-02-2035	0.9
Manulife Financial Corp	0.9
TransCanada Corp	0.9
Ontario Prov Cda 4.7% 02-06-2037	0.9
Canada Govt 0.5% 01-03-2022	0.9
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	0.9
Canada Govt 2.75% 01-12-2048	0.8
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	32.2
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	578
Total Number of Stock Holdings	2,704
Total Number of Bond Holdings	308
Total Number of Other Holdings	26
<b>Total Number of Underlying Holdings</b>	<b>3,038</b>

## 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 %
	-0.2	3.6	4.0	7.0	4.9	6.5	3.2	6.5	Fund
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	—	Quartile
	628	624	622	611	467	365	152	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Stuart Kedwell

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Stuart Kedwell is Senior Vice President and Co-Head, North American Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1997.

#### Dagmara Fijalkowski

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

As Head of Global Fixed Income and Currencies, Dagmara leads investment teams in Toronto, London and Minneapolis in charge of almost \$100 billion in fixed income assets. She heads management of several bond funds and manages foreign-exchange hedging and active currency overlay programs across a number of funds. Dagmara, who began her investment career in 1994, holds an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business, a Master's degree in economics from the University of Lodz in Poland 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	0.56	0.23	0.39	0.57	0.54	0.17	0.08	—	—	—	0.95
Interest	0.03	—	0.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.06
Dividends	—	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.02	0.05	—	—	—	—	0.07
Capital Gains	0.52	0.12	0.27	0.50	0.52	0.12	0.08	—	—	—	0.82
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	1-1994	26.4	3-2006	15.7	8-2000	12.2	9-2005	7.5
Worst	2-2009	-23.3	2-2009	-5.8	5-2012	-1.0	8-2010	2.3
Average		6.1		6.0		5.7		5.0
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		75.8		84.5		95.4		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. Returns in the fixed-income segment were boosted by exposure to investment-grade debt, offset somewhat by investments in high-yield securities.

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. The portfolio benefited from exposure to equities in the developed markets of Europe and Asia, as well as emerging-market stocks. Security selection in Canadian equities had a negative impact.

We expect bond yields to move higher at a gradual pace, 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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