

# RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund (CAD Hedged)



## Investment objective

To provide total returns comprised of interest income and capital growth while minimizing the exposure to currency fluctuations between foreign currencies and the Canadian dollar. The fund invests primarily in government debt securities of emerging market countries and may also invest in emerging market corporate bonds and government debt securities of developed countries. The fund may do so either directly or indirectly through investment in other mutual funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate. The fund will also use derivatives to hedge against the fluctuations in the value of foreign currencies relative to the Canadian dollar.

## Fund details

Series	Load structure	Currency	Fund code
A	No load	CAD	RBF428

<b>Inception date</b>	September 2016
<b>Total fund assets \$MM</b>	548.9
<b>Series A NAV \$</b>	7.11
<b>Series A MER %</b>	1.77

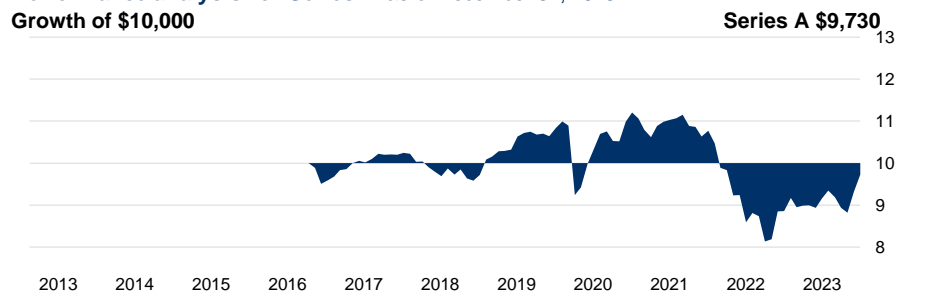
<b>Income distribution</b>	Quarterly
<b>Capital gains distribution</b>	Annually
<b>Sales status</b>	Open
<b>Minimum investment \$</b>	500
<b>Subsequent investment \$</b>	25
<b>Risk rating</b>	Low to Medium
<b>Fund category</b>	Emerging Markets Fixed Income

## Benchmark

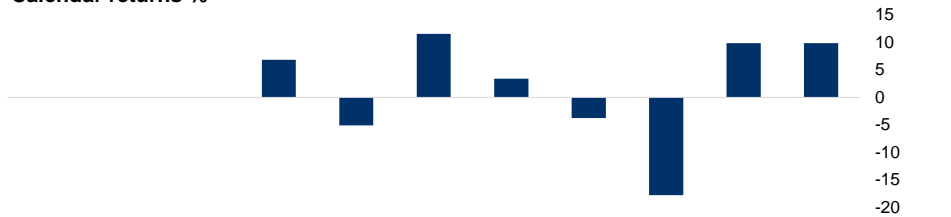
100%	JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index (Hedged to CAD)
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## Performance analysis for Series A as of December 31, 2023

### Growth of \$10,000



### Calendar returns %

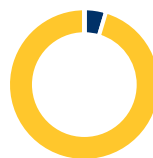


2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	
—	—	—	6.8	-5.1	11.5	3.4	-3.8	-17.8	9.8	9.8	Fund
—	—	—	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quartile

1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since incep.	Trailing return %
4.4	8.9	6.3	9.8	-4.6	0.0	—	-0.4	Fund
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
56	53	53	53	36	28	—	—	# of funds in category

## Portfolio analysis as of December 31, 2023

### Asset mix



	% Assets
• Cash	4.6
• Fixed income	95.4
• Canadian equities	0.0
• U.S. equities	0.0
• European equities	0.0
• Asia-Pacific equities	0.0
• Emerging markets equities	0.0

### Fixed income characteristics

Yield to maturity (%)	6.5
Current yield (%)	5.7
Duration (years)	6.3
Average term to maturity (years)	11.6
Average credit rating	BB

### Fixed income breakdown

	%
Government Bonds	79.9
Corporate Bonds	15.5
Other Bonds	0.0
Securitized Debt	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	4.6
Direct Mortgages	0.0

## Portfolio analysis continued as of December 31, 2023

Top 25 holdings	% Assets	Credit rating	%	Fixed income geographic allocation	%
Oman Government International Bond 4.750% Jun 15, 2026	2.1	Cash / Cash Equiv.	4.6	Emerging Markets	98.1
Oman Government International Bond 6.500% Mar 08, 2047	1.9	AAA	0.0	United States	1.9
United States Treasury Note/Bond 2.250% Feb 15, 2027	1.8	AA	7.1	International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Peruvian Government International Bond 8.750% Nov 21, 2033	1.8	A	7.7	Canada	0.0
Colombia Government International Bond 6.125% Jan 18, 2041	1.8	BBB	21.4		
Saudi Government International Bond 4.500% Apr 17, 2030	1.7	Below BBB	58.5		
Philippine Government International Bond 7.750% Jan 14, 2031	1.6	Mortgages	0.0		
Petroleos Mexicanos 5.950% Jan 28, 2031	1.5	Other	0.6		
Dominican Republic International Bond 7.450% Apr 30, 2044	1.4				
Brazilian Government International Bond 4.625% Jan 13, 2028	1.4				
Nigeria Government International Bond 7.875% Feb 16, 2032	1.4				
Turkiye Government International Bond 6.000% Mar 25, 2027	1.4				
Bahrain Government International Bond 7.000% Oct 12, 2028	1.2				
Dominican Republic International Bond 6.400% Jun 05, 2049	1.2				
Saudi Government International Bond 5.250% Jan 16, 2050	1.2				
Bahrain Government International Bond 7.500% Sep 20, 2047	1.2				
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.625% Jun 15, 2035	1.2				
Kazakhstan Government International Bond 4.875% Oct 14, 2044	1.2				
Brazilian Government International Bond 5.625% Jan 07, 2041	1.1				
Argentine Republic Government International Bond 3.625% Jul 09, 2035	1.1				
Uruguay Government International Bond 7.625% Mar 21, 2036	1.1				
Abu Dhabi Government International Bond 4.125% Oct 11, 2047	1.1				
Nigeria Government International Bond 7.625% Nov 28, 2047	1.1				
Indonesia Government International Bond 5.250% Jan 17, 2042	1.1				
Qatar Government International Bond 6.400% Jan 20, 2040	1.1				
Total % of top 25 holdings	34.8				

Distributions (\$)/unit*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Interest	—	0.33	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.34	0.30	0.12	—	—	—
Canadian dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign dividends	—	0.00	0.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign taxes paid	—	—	0.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital gains	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.23	0.18	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

\*Income type characterization and foreign taxes paid for the previous year, are reported at or around January month-end. Distributions reported are for the same series as the performance analysis. For distributions on other series please visit [rbcgam.com/funds](http://rbcgam.com/funds).

## Manager bios

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David joined RBC GAM's Emerging Markets (EM) Bond Team in 2004 and has been directly involved in the management of the firm's EM bond assets since 2010. He manages EM bond allocations for several of the firm's fixed income funds and is a member of the Fixed Income Strategy Committee. David is a graduate (BSc Economics) of the prestigious Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM). He also holds an MBA from the Rotman School of Management in Toronto.

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