



# RBC Strategic Income Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide regular monthly income with a potential for modest capital appreciation. The fund invests primarily in units of other mutual funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate of RBC GAM (called the underlying funds), emphasizing mutual funds that invest in higher yielding fixed-income securities.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF482
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF882
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF722
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF082

Inception Date	August 2013
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	849.4
Series A NAV \$	10.32
Series A MER %	1.77
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Monthly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually
Monthly Distribution (¢/unit)	3.00
Current Payout Rate (%)*	3.49

\*Assuming 12 consecutive months at the monthly distribution set out above. The estimate does not include any year-end capital gains distributions paid in addition to the regular monthly distribution nor should it be confused with performance or rates of return.

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

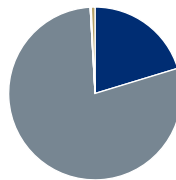
Fund Category	High Yield Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	20.3
Fixed Income	78.8
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.2
Other	0.7

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund	21.0
RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund	20.0
RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund	15.0
RBC Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange Fd	14.8
BlueBay Emerging Markets Corp Bd Fund	10.9
BlueBay Global Convert Bd (CAN) Fund	10.9
RBC High Yield Bond Fund	6.2
<b>Total % of Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>98.8</b>
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	8
Total Number of Stock Holdings	19
Total Number of Bond Holdings	4,757
Total Number of Other Holdings	205
<b>Total Number of Underlying Holdings</b>	<b>4,981</b>

### Fixed Income Breakdown

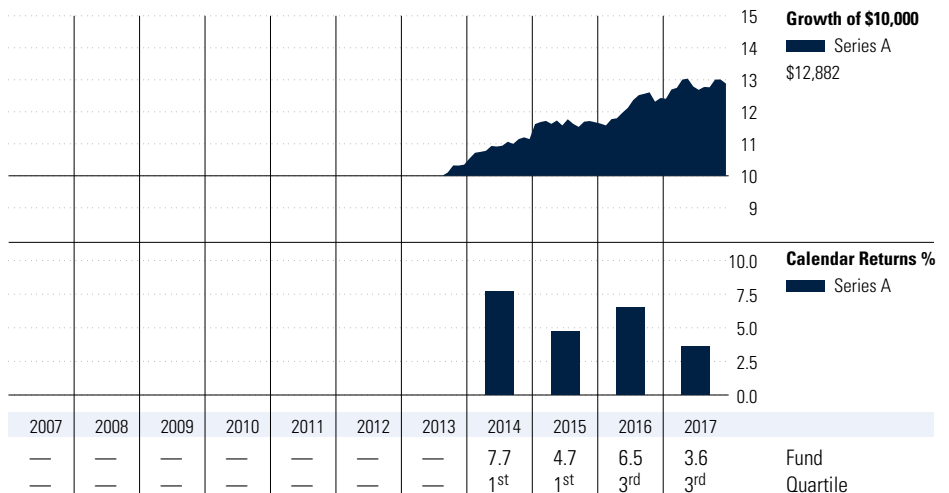
	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	21.3
Corporate Bonds	60.9
Other Bonds	11.4
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	6.5
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	6.5	Under 1 year	20.3
AAA	1.0	1 - 5 Yrs	29.5
AA	2.3	5 - 10 Yrs	34.1
A	11.0	Over 10 Yrs	16.1
BBB	21.7		
Below BBB	42.7	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	6.7
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	4.6
NR/NA	0.8	Yield to Maturity	3.4

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	5.1
United States	27.7
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	9.5
Emerging Markets	57.6

## 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 %
	-1.0	0.9	0.7	3.6	4.9	—	—	5.7	Fund
	4th	2nd	3rd	3rd	2nd	—	—	—	Quartile
	587	565	560	487	352	242	48	—	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.

#### 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	0.45	0.55	0.53	0.47	0.22	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	0.39	0.38	0.37	0.34	0.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	0.06	0.17	0.16	0.13	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	8-2014	10.6	8-2016	7.8	—	—	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-0.9	8-2017	4.9	—	—	—	—
Average		5.9		5.9		—		—
No. of Periods		41		17		—		—
Pct. Positive		97.6		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.

Government bonds posted modest returns in the fourth quarter of 2017 as inflation remained subdued and many major central banks continued their bond-buying activities. Yield curves in general continued to flatten, with yields on short-dated bonds rising more than their longer-maturity peers. U.S. Treasuries underperformed other developed markets, as yields rose in December after the U.S. Federal Reserve boosted the short-term interest rate for the third time during 2017 and tax reform was enacted.

Returns were boosted by six of the seven funds in the portfolio, led by RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund, RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund, BlueBay Emerging Markets Corporate Bond Fund and the RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund. BlueBay Global Convertible Bond Fund (Canada) was the only investment in the portfolio to have a negative impact on returns.

The portfolio manager expects global bond yields to rise slowly in the coming quarters amid faster global economic growth and expectations that many major central banks will soon be raising rates in unison. In addition to rate hikes, central-bank reductions in asset purchases should eventually result in higher bond yields. By the second half of 2018 – and for the first time in a decade – net purchases by global central banks will not be adding liquidity to the global financial system.



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