



# 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	308.4
Series A NAV \$	10.57
Series A MER %	1.78
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Monthly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually
Monthly Distribution (¢/unit)	3.00
Current Payout Rate (%)*	3.41

\*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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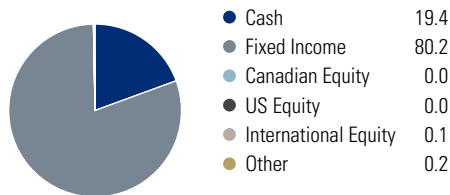
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## Notes

Fund name changed effective January 25, 2016. Fund was previously known as RBC Monthly Income High Yield Bond Fund.

## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

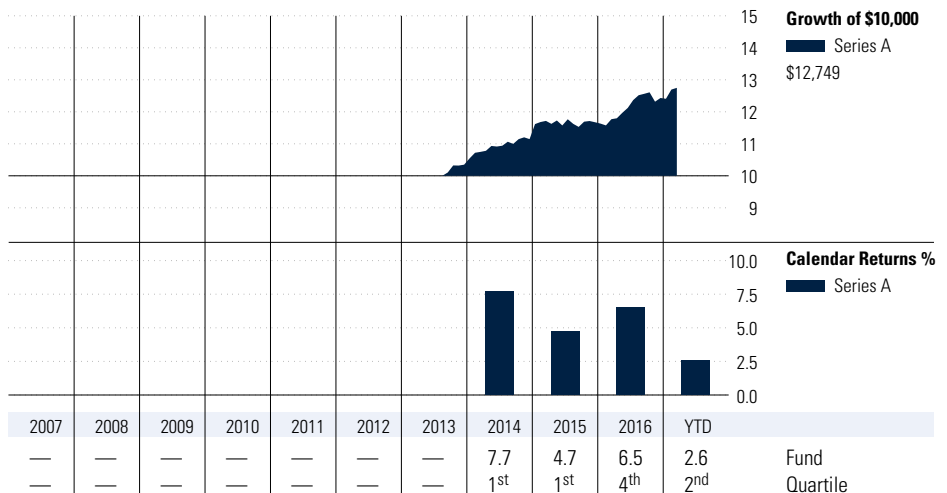
Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	20.5
Corporate Bonds	62.9
Other Bonds	11.6
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	4.9
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	4.9	Under 1 year	22.7
AAA	0.7	1 - 5 Yrs	27.3
AA	2.4	5 - 10 Yrs	35.6
A	10.0	Over 10 Yrs	14.4
BBB	24.0		
Below BBB	43.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	6.8
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	4.6
NR/NA	0.8	Yield to Maturity	4.0

### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	5.3
United States	29.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	9.3
Emerging Markets	56.4

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
0.4	2.6	1.5	8.3	5.9	—	—	6.6	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	Quartile
508	500	494	439	328	181	46	—	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 March 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.09	0.55	0.53	0.47	0.22	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	0.09	0.38	0.37	0.34	0.20	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	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	1-2017	5.6	—	—	—	—
Average		6.2		6.5		—		—
No. of Periods		32		8		—		—
Pct. Positive		96.9		100.0		—		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

Global bonds posted gains in the first quarter of 2017, reversing the trend in place since the election of Donald Trump as U.S. president in late 2016.

The shift in part reflected investor skepticism that the new administration would be able to deliver on the president's election promises to cut taxes, boost infrastructure spending and scale back business regulation. The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) pressed ahead with another rate cut late in the period, while central banks in Europe and Japan continued to keep monetary policy extraordinarily loose.

The Fund's returns were aided by investments in the RBC Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange Fund, the RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund, the RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund and the BlueBay Global Convertible Bond Fund.

Major central banks are likely to continue to pursue different monetary policies, with the Fed continuing to raise policy rates and perhaps even starting to reduce the size of its balance sheet later this year. Bond yields could also rise if it becomes clear that President Trump is on the way to implementing his economic policies, although potential yield increases would be moderated by continued easy monetary policies at the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan. The biggest immediate geopolitical risk is the French presidential election. A pro-European candidate is likely to prevail, but the possibility of a populist victory cannot be ignored. A populist win would likely send yields on German government bonds and fixed income outside of Europe significantly lower, and increase the odds of a Eurozone break-up.



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MER (%) for RBC Funds and PH&N Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, January 1 to December 31, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

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Adjusted MER is provided for funds with management fee changes effective June 30, 2016. The Adjusted MER represents what the reported MER would have been had management fee changes been in effect throughout 2016.

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