



# RBC \$U.S. High Yield Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide total returns comprised of interest income and modest capital growth. The fund invests primarily in higher yielding corporate debt securities issued by U.S. corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	USD	RBF483
Adv	Deferred Sales	USD	RBF883
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF723
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF083

Inception Date	October 2013
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	148.7
Series A NAV \$	9.66
Series A MER %	1.42
Benchmark	BoA Merrill Lynch U.S. High Yield BB-B Index (USD)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

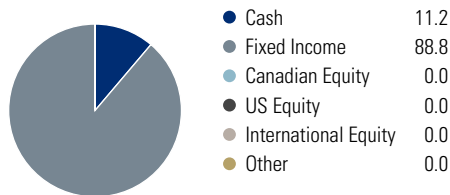
Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

Fund Category	High Yield Fixed Income
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	0.0
Corporate Bonds	88.9
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	11.1
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	11.1	Under 1 year	9.5
AAA	0.0	1 - 5 Yrs	17.0
AA	0.0	5 - 10 Yrs	69.4
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	4.1
BBB	7.3		
Below BBB	81.6	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	5.6
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	3.8
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	5.0

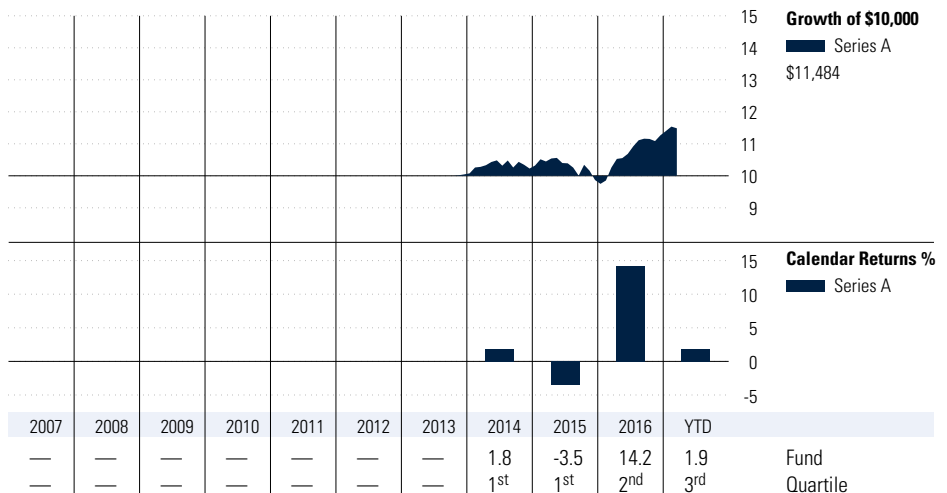
### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	4.9
United States	94.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	1.1
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

Top 25 Holdings	% Assets
Cco Hldgs LLC /Cap 144A 5.75% 15-02-2026	1.9
Hca 5.875% 15-02-2026	1.7
Sprint Cap 6.875% 15-11-2028	1.3
Aes 5.5% 15-03-2024	1.2
Arcelormittal Luxembourg 7% 15-10-2039	1.2
Videotron Ltee 5.625% 15-06-2025	1.2
Diamond 1 Fin Corp 6.02% 15-06-2026	1.1
Sm Engy 6.75% 15-09-2026	1.1
Calatlantic Grp 5.25% 01-06-2026	1.1
Ashtead Cap 144A 5.625% 01-10-2024	1.1
Amer Axle & Mfg 6.625% 15-10-2022	1.0
Nrg Engy 6.25% 01-05-2024	1.0
Dana Incorporated 5.5% 15-12-2024	1.0
Adient Global Hldgs 4.875% 15-08-2026	1.0
Numericable Grp Sa 144A 6% 15-05-2022	1.0
Lennar 0.1% 30-05-2025	1.0
Ineos Fin 4% 01-05-2023	1.0
T Mobile Usa 6.625% 01-04-2023	1.0
Alcoa Nederland Hldg 6.75% 30-09-2024	1.0
United States 144A 8.375% 01-07-2021	1.0
Frontier Comms 7.125% 15-01-2023	0.9
Goodyear Tire & Rubr 5% 31-05-2026	0.9
Ally Finl 8% 15-03-2020	0.9
Builders Firstsource 5.625% 01-09-2024	0.9
Cnh Intl Cap 3.875% 16-07-2018	0.9
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	27.2
Total Number of Stock Holdings	1
Total Number of Bond Holdings	1,287
Total Number of Other Holdings	10
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>1,298</b>

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2017



Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Series A	-0.5	1.9	2.9	12.0	3.8	—	—	4.4	Fund
Category	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	508	500	494	439	328	181	46	—	



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Frank Gambino

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Frank Gambino is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Currencies. He has been in the investment industry since 1990.

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Stephen Notidis is Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Currencies.

He has been in the investment industry since 1995.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.08	0.55	0.63	0.40	0.11	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	0.08	0.39	0.43	0.34	0.07	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.16	0.20	0.06	0.04	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	2-2017	17.1	1-2017	4.2	—	—	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-6.3	11-2016	3.4	—	—	—	—
Average		3.3		3.8		—		—
No. of Periods		30		6		—		—
Pct. Positive		63.3		100.0		—		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

In Q1, high yield bonds continued to outperform higher quality investment grade securities, with lower rated securities outperforming higher rated securities. Monetary conditions in the U.S. remain easy, the economy is growing, the reflationary "Trump" trade remains a possibility, credit conditions are benign, corporate health is stabilizing, commodity prices are firmer and the corporate default rate is falling. These key supports continued to drive credit spreads lower and prices higher, causing valuations to overshoot and reach levels not seen since mid-2014.

The subsequent sell-off in March was compounded by large outflows from mutual funds, as investors took advantage of valuations to sell, and as a significant supply of newly issued high yield bonds hit the market. While fundamentals remain supportive, we are likely in the mature phase of an extended credit cycle, and we believe that caution is warranted. The Fund has responded by increasing its allocation to cash and

has increased the credit quality of its holdings. The Fund benefitted from individual security selection in general, while its conservative cash position reduced volatility but also served as a drag on performance.

Global growth remains a concern, however pro-growth policies, demand for yield and stabilizing corporate health should continue to provide support for corporate credit. In this environment, and with the risk of rising rates, we feel that high yield corporate bonds continue to represent attractive relative value compared to other fixed income assets. However, it is likely that future returns will be lower than those experienced in the recent past. This extended credit cycle may continue for a while yet. We intend to closely monitor the credit quality of the portfolio, and look to add attractively valued bonds as they become available.



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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.

MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the half-year period, April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

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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