

RBC High Yield Bond Fund



Investment objective

To provide a high level of income with the potential for modest capital growth. The fund invests primarily in higher yielding corporate debt securities issued by Canadian and U.S. corporations.

Fund details

| Series | Load structure | Currency | Fund code |
|--------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| A | No load | CAD | RBF496 |

Inception date October 2010

Total fund assets \$MM 2,379.4

Series A NAV \$ 9.51

Series A MER % 1.46

Income distribution Quarterly

Capital gains distribution Annually

Sales status Open

Minimum investment \$ 500

Subsequent investment \$ 25

Risk rating Low to Medium

Fund category High Yield Fixed Income

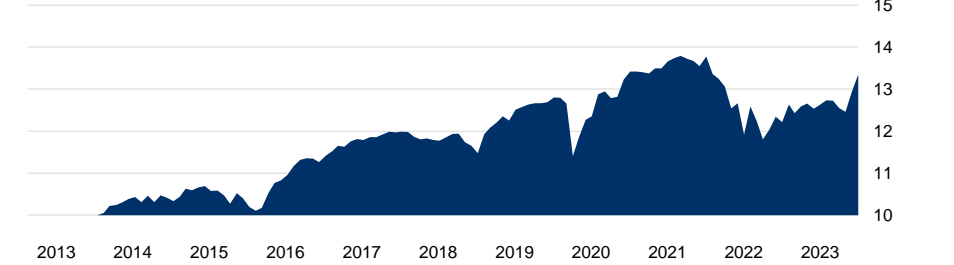
Benchmark

100% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

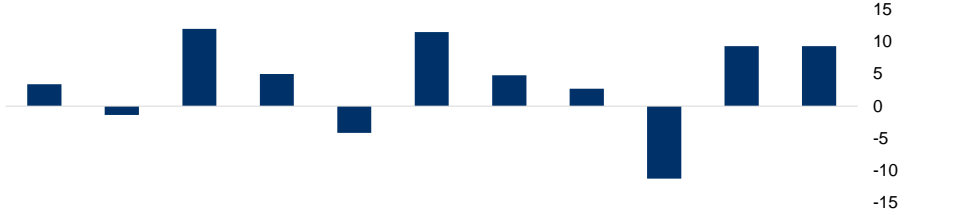
Performance analysis for Series A as of December 31, 2023

Growth of \$10,000

Series A \$13,349



Calendar returns %

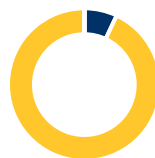


| 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | YTD | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| 3.4 | -1.4 | 12.0 | 5.0 | -4.2 | 11.5 | 4.8 | 2.7 | -11.3 | 9.3 | 9.3 | Fund |
| 3 rd | 3 rd | 2 nd | 2 nd | 4 th | 2 nd | 2 nd | 3 rd | 3 rd | 3 rd | 3 rd | Quartile |

| 1 Mth | 3 Mth | 6 Mth | 1 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | Since incep. | Trailing return % | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|--|
| 3.2 | 6.4 | 5.7 | 9.3 | -0.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.9 | Fund | |
| 2 nd | 2 nd | 3 rd | 3 rd | 4 th | 3 rd | 3 rd | — | Quartile | |
| 271 | 270 | 266 | 266 | 244 | 229 | 158 | — | # of funds in category | |

Portfolio analysis as of December 31, 2023

Asset mix



| | % Assets |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| • Cash | 7.0 |
| • Fixed income | 93.0 |
| • 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 (%) | 5.8 |
| Current yield (%) | 5.0 |
| Duration (years) | 4.5 |
| Average term to maturity (years) | 10.0 |
| Average credit rating | BB |

Fixed income breakdown

| | % |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Government Bonds | 1.6 |
| Corporate Bonds | 88.7 |
| Other Bonds | 4.3 |
| Securitized Debt | 0.0 |
| ST Investments (Cash & Other) | 5.4 |
| Direct Mortgages | 0.0 |

Portfolio analysis continued as of December 31, 2023

| Top 25 holdings | % Assets | Credit rating | % | Fixed income geographic allocation | % |
|---|------------|--------------------|------|-------------------------------------|------|
| National Bank of Canada Jan 15, 2024 | 1.7 | Cash / Cash Equiv. | 5.4 | Canada | 48.6 |
| Canadian Government Bond 1.750% Dec 01, 2053 | 1.6 | AAA | 1.9 | United States | 44.2 |
| iShares Core Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF | 1.4 | AA | 2.2 | International (ex-Emerging Markets) | 7.2 |
| BMO Aggregate Bond Index ETF | 1.3 | A | 11.7 | Emerging Markets | 0.0 |
| iShares iBoxx \$ High Yield Corporate Bond ETF | 1.1 | BBB | 19.8 | | |
| SPDR Bloomberg High Yield Bond ETF | 1.1 | Below BBB | 59.0 | | |
| CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp 4.500% Aug 15, 2030 | 1.0 | Mortgages | 0.0 | | |
| National Bank of Canada Jan 26, 2024 | 0.9 | Other | 0.0 | | |
| National Bank of Canada 5.296% Nov 03, 2025 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Tenet Healthcare Corp 6.750% May 15, 2031 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 2.250% Jan 07, 2027 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Calpine Corp 5.000% Feb 01, 2031 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC 5.500% May 15, 2029 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Civitas Resources Inc 8.625% Nov 01, 2030 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd 9.250% Jan 15, 2029 | 0.7 | | | | |
| Hilton Domestic Operating Co Inc 3.625% Feb 15, 2032 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Keyera Corp 6.875% Jun 13, 2079 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Government of Canada T-Bill Jun 20, 2024 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Albertsons Cos Inc / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons LP / Albertsons LLC 5.875% Feb 15, 2028 | 0.6 | | | | |
| OI European Group BV 4.750% Feb 15, 2030 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Directv Financing LLC / Directv Financing Co-Obligor Inc 5.875% Aug 15, 2027 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Rogers Communications Inc 5.000% Dec 17, 2081 | 0.6 | | | | |
| Pembina Pipeline Corp 4.800% Jan 25, 2081 | 0.5 | | | | |
| Targa Resources Partners LP / Targa Resources Partners Finance Corp 6.500% Jul 15, 2027 | 0.5 | | | | |
| CCO Holdings LLC / CCO Holdings Capital Corp 5.375% Jun 01, 2029 | 0.5 | | | | |
| Total % of top 25 holdings | 20.8 | | | | |
| Total number of holdings | 352 | | | | |

| Distributions (\$)/unit* | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| Interest | — | 0.36 | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.49 | — |
| Canadian dividends | — | — | — | 0.00 | 0.00 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Foreign dividends | — | 0.00 | 0.00 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Foreign taxes paid | — | — | 0.00 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Capital gains | — | — | 0.18 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Return of capital | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total distributions | 0.39 | 0.36 | 0.53 | 0.33 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.38 | 0.39 | 0.46 | 0.49 | — |

*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.

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