



# RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide total returns comprised of interest income and capital growth. The fund invests primarily in government debt securities of emerging market countries. The fund may also invest in emerging market corporate bonds and government debt securities of developed countries.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF497
A	No Load	USD	RBF402
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF897
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF797
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF097
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4402

Inception Date	August 2010
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	826.0
Series A NAV \$	11.25
Series A MER %	1.77
Benchmark	JPM EMBI Global Diversified (C\$)

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.
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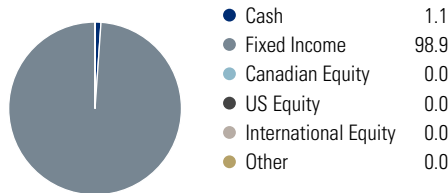
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## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF497).

## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Fixed Income Breakdown

Fixed Income Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	65.1
Corporate Bonds	33.5
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	1.1
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	1.1	Under 1 year	0.7
AAA	3.1	1 - 5 Yrs	32.9
AA	1.4	5 - 10 Yrs	36.9
A	7.2	Over 10 Yrs	29.5
BBB	32.2		
Below BBB	52.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.7
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	6.6
NR/NA	3.0	Yield to Maturity	4.5

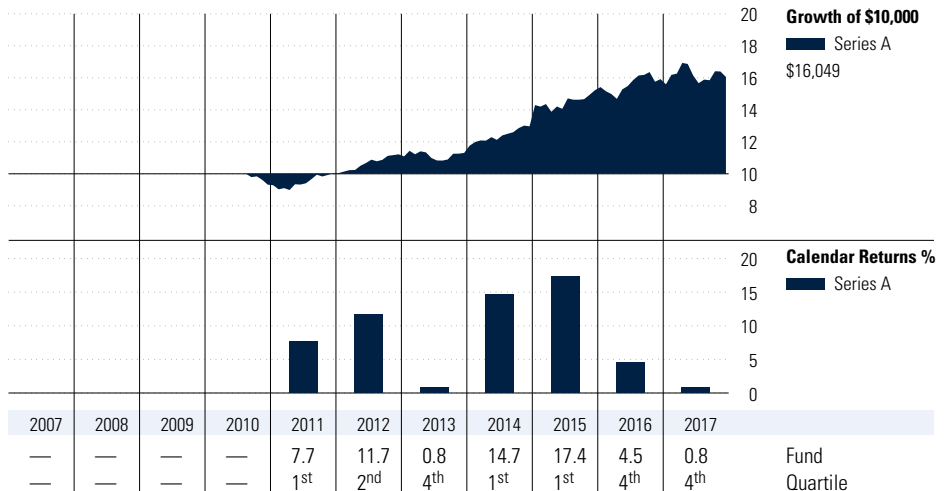
### Geographic Allocations

Geographic Allocation	% Assets
Canada	0.0
United States	3.1
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	96.9

### Top 25 Holdings

Top 25 Holdings	% Assets
US Treasury Note 2.25% 15-02-2027	3.1
Peru Rep 8.75% 21-11-2033	2.9
Dominican Republic 7.45% 30-04-2044	2.0
Russian Federation 4.75% 27-05-2026	1.7
Pemex Proj Fdg Maste Tr 6.625% 15-06-2035	1.6
Serbia Rep 7.25% 28-09-2021	1.6
State Treas Repu Poland 5.125% 21-04-2021	1.5
Vietnam Socialist Rep 4.8% 19-11-2024	1.4
Ministry Fin Ukraine 7.75% 01-09-2022	1.4
Imdb Engy Limited 5.99% 11-05-2022	1.4
Panama Rep 7.125% 29-01-2026	1.4
Republic Of Ecuador 7.95% 20-06-2024	1.4
Export Cr Bk Turkey 5.375% 08-02-2021	1.4
Philippines Rep 7.75% 14-01-2031	1.3
Colombia Rep 6.125% 18-01-2041	1.3
Indonesia Rep 5.25% 17-01-2042	1.3
Poland Rep 3.25% 06-04-2026	1.2
Chile Rep 3.86% 21-06-2047	1.2
Colombia Rep 8.125% 21-05-2024	1.2
Croatia Rep 6.75% 05-11-2019	1.2
Hungary Rep 5.375% 25-03-2024	1.1
United Mexican Sts Mtn 5.75% 12-10-2110	1.1
Argentina Rep 7.625% 22-04-2046	1.1
Russia Fedn Ministry 4.875% 16-09-2023	1.1
Romania Medium Term 6.75% 07-02-2022	1.1
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	37.0
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	695
Total Number of Other Holdings	29
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>724</b>

## 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 %
-2.1	1.3	-0.6	0.8	7.4	7.4	—	6.7	Fund
4th	1st	4th	4th	1st	1st	—	—	Quartile
587	565	560	487	352	242	48	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

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Jane Lesslie is Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Currencies. She has been in the investment industry since 1988.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.56	0.70	0.86	0.58	0.42	0.34	0.39	0.08	—	—	—
Interest	0.41	0.43	0.44	0.37	0.38	0.34	0.39	0.08	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	0.15	0.27	0.41	0.21	0.04	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	1-2015	21.6	8-2016	14.3	7-2016	11.0	—	—
Worst	8-2011	-3.4	8-2013	2.7	12-2017	7.4	—	—
Average		9.0		9.8		9.5		—
No. of Periods		77		53		29		—
Pct. Positive		92.2		100.0		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

Emerging market (EM) bonds capped off what was a good year for the asset class with modest but positive returns in Q4. The bonds within the Fund generated returns of just under 1% for the quarter, but a weaker Canadian dollar provided an additional performance boost.

Better than expected growth from China and other developing markets, coupled with higher commodity prices sparked record inflows into EM bonds during the year. EM bond spreads moved higher early in Q4, but then drifted back to finish at similar levels to where they started. Longer term bonds broadly outperformed shorter term bonds during Q4, so the Fund's bias towards shorter-term bonds was a slight detractor from performance. An underweight allocation to some of the stronger performing, but lower quality African credits also detracted from performance. Within Africa, we modestly increased the exposure to Egypt and Ghana, two countries benefitting from International Monetary Fund plans to improve their financial stability.

The Fund benefited from an underweight allocation to Venezuela, which accounted for less than 1% of the portfolio. Venezuelan bonds sold off as the troubled country unsurprisingly began partially defaulting on bond payments in November.

Fundamentals in EM remain strong and the growth differential between EM and developed markets continues to widen after hitting a low in 2015. Political risks could be more prevalent in the coming year with elections scheduled in Brazil, Mexico, Columbia, Hungary, Russia, Malaysia, Thailand and possibly Venezuela. We have reduced the Fund's allocation to Mexico in light of the upcoming election that could result in a leftist nationalist candidate taking power. Risk premiums for EM bonds remain close to three year lows, volatility is subdued and investors have shrugged off rising geopolitical risk. However, with over 20% of all outstanding government bonds trading at negative yields, demand for EM bonds is likely to remain robust.



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