

# **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				
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF497				
Α	No Load	USD	RBF402				
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF897				
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF797				
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF097				
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4402				
Incepti	on Date	August 2010					
Total F	und Assets \$Mil	728.7					
Series	A NAV \$	11.84					
Series	A MER %	1.77					
Benchr	mark	JPM EMBI Global Diversified (C\$)					
Income	Distribution	Quarterly					
	Gains Distribution	Annually					
Sales S	Status	Open					
Min. In	vestment \$	500					
Subsec	quent Investment \$	25					
Fund Category		High Yield Fixed Income					
Manag	ement Company	RBC Global					
Web S	ite	Management Inc. www.rbcgam.com					

### Notes

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

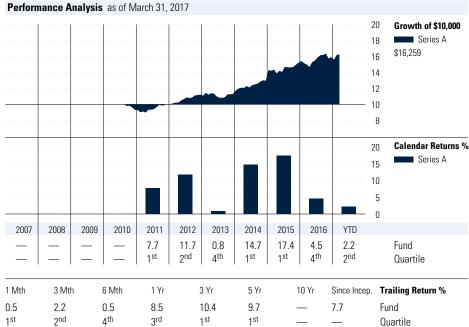
# Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017 Asset Mix Cash Fixed Income 97.9 Canadian Equity 0.0 US Equity International Equity 0.0 Other 0.0

Fixed Income Breakdown	% Fixed Income			
Government Bonds	60.0			
Corporate Bonds	37.5			
Other Bonds	0.0			
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0			
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	2.0			
Asset Backed Securities	0.0			

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%	
Cash / Cash Equiv.	2.0	Under 1 year	4.6	
AAA	1.9	1 - 5 Yrs	31.9	
AA	1.6	5 - 10 Yrs	36.9	
A	5.3	Over 10 Yrs	26.6	
BBB	31.0			
Below BBB	55.6	Avg. Term to	10.8	
Mortgages	0.0	maturity (Yrs)		
NR/NA	2.7	Duration (Yrs)	6.4	
		Yield to Maturity	4.7	

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Canada	0.0
United States	2.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	98.0





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No. of Funds in Category

181

494

439

328

500

508



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# Management Overview

### **Manager Bios**

### Jane Lesslie

### **RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited**

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 o	of March	31, 201	7							
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.12	0.70	0.86	0.58	0.42	0.34	0.39	0.08	_	_	_
Interest	0.12	0.43	0.44	0.37	0.38	0.34	0.39	0.08	_	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	0.27	0.41	0.21	0.04	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1	Yr	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	1-2015	21	1.6 8-2016		14.3	7-2	7-2016		_		_
Worst	8-2011	-3.4		3-2013	2.7	8-2	8-2015		_		_
Average		9	.7		10.0			9.9			_
No. of Periods		6	88		44			20			
Pct. Positive		95	.6		100.0			100.0			_

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

Emerging markets (EM) bonds rebounded from a weak fourth quarter as investor optimism related to Trump's fiscal and protectionist policies began to wane. U.S. Treasuries traded in a relatively tight range, with the 10 year yield ending the quarter at 2.39%, 4 basis point lower than where it started the year. Narrowing spreads for EM bonds were the key contributor to the strong positive returns for the quarter. With Trump having a difficult time implementing his pre-election promises, investor concerns over his protectionist policies and the potential implications on EM countries diminished. This sentiment was reflected in robust demand for EM sovereign and corporate bonds.

Within the market, long-term EM bonds outperformed shorter-term issues. Our decision to increase the Fund's weight to longer-term bonds near the end of last quarter proved to be beneficial for returns. We also broadly saw lower quality sovereign issuers outperform the higher quality

countries. The Fund tends to have a bias towards higher quality names, so the low quality outperformance was a key source of underperformance relative to the benchmark.

As we look ahead, the large supportive factors for EM remain intact. Chinese growth, stable commodity prices and accommodative monetary policy have created an environment that is favourable to EM generally and has resulted in riskier high yielding debt outperforming better quality investment grade. Fundamental strength may play a larger role in relative performance between EM countries in a weaker market environment, but for now investors appear keen to chase yield and not discriminate much between credit fundamentals. We continue to bias the Fund toward countries with positive economic and policy momentum and are stubbornly embracing the path to reform.



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