



# RBC Target 2025 Education Fund

## Investment Objective

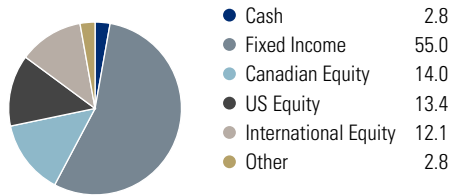
This fund is an asset allocation fund specifically designed to meet the changing needs of investors who are saving money for the purpose of funding a postsecondary education that commences around 2025. The fund gradually shifts its asset mix from an emphasis on equity funds, in its early years, to an emphasis on money market funds as its target date (2025) approaches. Over the life of the fund, its portfolio will shift from a focus on funds with growth potential to a focus on funds that will preserve capital.

## Fund Details

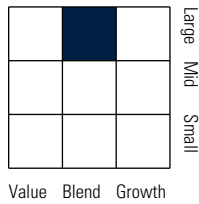
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|----------------------------|---|---------------|-------------------|
| Series A                   | Load Structure: No Load   | Currency: CAD | Fund Code: RBF595 |
| Inception Date             | July 2007   |               |                   |
| Total Fund Assets \$Mil    | 1,134.2   |               |                   |
| Series A NAV \$            | 10.67   |               |                   |
| Series A MER %             | 1.83  |               |                   |
| Benchmark                  | 58% FTSE TMX CUB<br>15.2% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return<br>15.3% S&P 500 Total Return (C\$)<br>9.2% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net (C\$)<br>2.3% MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return (C\$) |               |                   |
| Income Distribution        | Annually  |               |                   |
| Capital Gains Distribution | Annually  |               |                   |
| Sales Status               | Open  |               |                   |
| Min. Investment \$         | 500   |               |                   |
| Subsequent Investment \$   | 25  |               |                   |
| Fund Category              | 2025 Target Date Portfolio  |               |                   |
| Management Company         | RBC Global Asset Management Inc.  |               |                   |
| Web Site                   | www.rbcgam.com  |               |                   |

## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



### Statistics

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| P/B Ratio         | 2.3  |
| P/E Ratio         | 18.1 |
| Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B | 38.3 |

### Top 5 Sectors

| Sector                 | % Equity |
|------------------------|----------|
| Financials             | 23.9     |
| Information Technology | 12.8     |
| Industrials            | 11.4     |
| Consumer Discretionary | 10.3     |
| Energy                 | 9.4      |

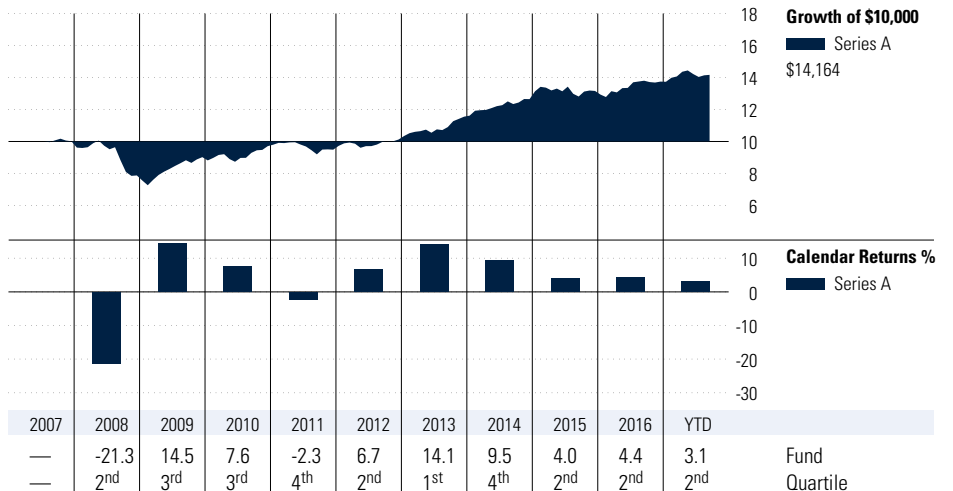
### Fixed Income Breakdown

| Category                      | % Fixed Income |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Government Bonds              | 55.8           |
| Corporate Bonds               | 39.1           |
| Other Bonds                   | 0.4            |
| Mortgage Backed Securities    | 0.0            |
| ST Investments (Cash & Other) | 4.8            |
| Asset Backed Securities       | 0.0            |

### Top 25 Holdings

| Holder                                     | % Assets     |
|--|--------------|
| RBC Bond Fund                              | 32.9         |
| PH&N Total Return Bond Fund                | 9.9          |
| RBC Canadian Short -Term Income Fund       | 8.5          |
| RBC Canadian Equity Fund                   | 7.7          |
| RBC European Equity Fund                   | 6.3          |
| RBC Canadian Dividend Fund                 | 3.9          |
| RBC QUBE Low Volatility Cdn Equity Fund    | 3.7          |
| RBC O'Shaughnessy US Value Fund            | 3.7          |
| RBC Private US Large Cap Equity Pool       | 3.1          |
| RBC US Equity Fund                         | 3.0          |
| PH&N US Multi-Style All-Cap Equity Fund    | 3.0          |
| RBC Global Bond Fund                       | 2.9          |
| RBC High Yield Bond Fund                   | 2.9          |
| RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund           | 2.4          |
| RBC US Mid-Cap Growth Equity Fund          | 2.3          |
| RBC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equity Fund      | 1.9          |
| RBC Japanese Equity Fund                   | 1.2          |
| Total % of Top 25 Holdings                 | 99.5         |
| Total Number of Portfolio Holdings         | 18           |
| Total Number of Stock Holdings             | 3,018        |
| Total Number of Bond Holdings              | 2,363        |
| Total Number of Other Holdings             | 48           |
| <b>Total Number of Underlying Holdings</b> | <b>5,429</b> |

## Performance Analysis as of September 30, 2017



| Period                   | 1 Mth           | 3 Mth           | 6 Mth           | 1 Yr            | 3 Yr            | 5 Yr            | 10 Yr           | Since Incep. | Trailing Return %        |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Value                    | 0.2             | -0.4            | 0.7             | 2.7             | 4.7             | 7.3             | 3.5             | 3.3          | Fund                     |
| Rank                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | —            | Quartile                 |
| No. of Funds in Category | 30              | 30              | 30              | 27              | 16              | 16              | 7               | —            | 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 September 30, 2017

| Distributions (\$)/Unit | YTD* | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Distributions     | —    | 0.25 | 0.43 | 0.75 | 0.40 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.26 |
| Interest                | —    | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 |
| Dividends               | —    | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.19 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.03 | —    | 0.03 | 0.02 | —    |
| Capital Gains           | —    | 0.14 | 0.30 | 0.52 | 0.28 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.04 | —    | 0.20 |
| Return Of Capital       | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |

| Best/Worst Periods % | Ended  | 1 Yr  | Ended  | 3 Yr | Ended  | 5 Yr | Ended  | 10 Yr |
|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|-------|
| Best                 | 2-2010 | 23.5  | 5-2015 | 11.5 | 2-2014 | 10.4 | 8-2017 | 3.6   |
| Worst                | 2-2009 | -24.3 | 7-2010 | -3.5 | 7-2012 | -0.6 | 7-2017 | 3.4   |
| Average              |        | 4.3   |        | 5.9  |        | 6.2  |        | 3.5   |
| No. of Periods       |        | 111   |        | 87   |        | 63   |        | 3     |
| Pct. Positive        |        | 76.6  |        | 90.8 |        | 92.1 |        | 100.0 |

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The global acceleration in economic growth that began last year has been largely sustained. The need for extreme monetary stimulus is fading and central banks including the U.S. Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada (BoC) are gradually shifting toward tighter policy.

Returns on global government bonds were low to slightly negative during the period. Canadian bonds underperformed after the BoC boosted short-term interest rates given faster-than-expected economic growth. Returns were negatively affected by exposure to the RBC Bond Fund and the Phillips, Hager & North Total Return Bond Fund.

Global equities posted gains, led by emerging-market and Canadian equities, as prices for oil and

other commodities strengthened. The S&P 500 finished the period at a record high, but a weaker U.S. dollar offset most of the returns when translated back into Canadian dollars. Performance was aided by contributions from the RBC Canadian Equity Fund, the RBC O'Shaughnessy U.S. Value Fund and the RBC European Equity Fund.

Our models continue to suggest the long-term direction for bond yields is higher, which would weigh on total returns for bond holders. Prospective returns for equities are much better than for fixed income, but the valuation tailwind from falling interest rates may be exhausted so earnings growth is now critical for the continuity of the bull market.



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MER (%) for RBC Funds, PH&N Funds and Bluebay Funds is based on actual expenses for the half-year period, January 1 to June 30, 2017, expressed on an annualized basis.

MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, 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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