



# RBC Vision Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide relatively high yields and stability of capital by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of fixed income securities issued by Canadian governments and corporations that conduct themselves in a socially responsible manner.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF7610
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6610
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4610

Inception Date	November 2008
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	225.7
Series A NAV \$	10.82
Series A MER %	0.00
Benchmark	FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

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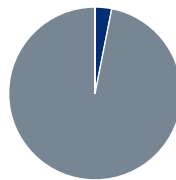
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Notes

Fund name changed effective June 30, 2017.

## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	3.1
Fixed Income	96.9
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-09-2020	5.0
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.4% 15-12-2022	3.8
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.75% 15-06-2022	3.7
Ontario Prov Cda 3.5% 02-06-2024	3.0
Royal Bank Of Canada 1.4% 26-04-2019	2.7
Ontario Prov Cda 6.2% 02-06-2031	2.6
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.25% 15-06-2021	2.5
Ontario Prov Cda 3.5% 02-06-2043	2.4
Ontario Prov Cda 5.6% 02-06-2035	2.4
Canada Govt 0.5% 01-03-2022	2.2
Ontario Prov Cda 4.6% 02-06-2039	2.0
Canada Govt 3.25% 01-06-2021	2.0
Canada Govt 1.5% 01-03-2020	1.9
Canada Govt 1% 01-09-2022	1.7
Enbridge Pipelines 3% 10-08-2026	1.5
Canada Govt 2.75% 01-12-2048	1.5
Canada Govt 0.75% 01-03-2021	1.5
Quebec Prov Cda 8.5% 01-04-2026	1.3
Canada Govt 1% 01-06-2027	1.2
Canada Govt 1.5% 01-06-2026	1.2
Canada Govt 2% 01-06-2028	1.0
Ontario Prov Cda 8.5% 02-12-2025	1.0
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.35% 15-06-2027	1.0
Alberta Prov Cda 2.35% 01-06-2025	0.9
Manitoba Prov Cda 2.85% 05-09-2046	0.9
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	50.7
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	219
Total Number of Other Holdings	3
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>222</b>

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	71.1
Corporate Bonds	25.5
Other Bonds	0.5
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.1
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	2.8
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

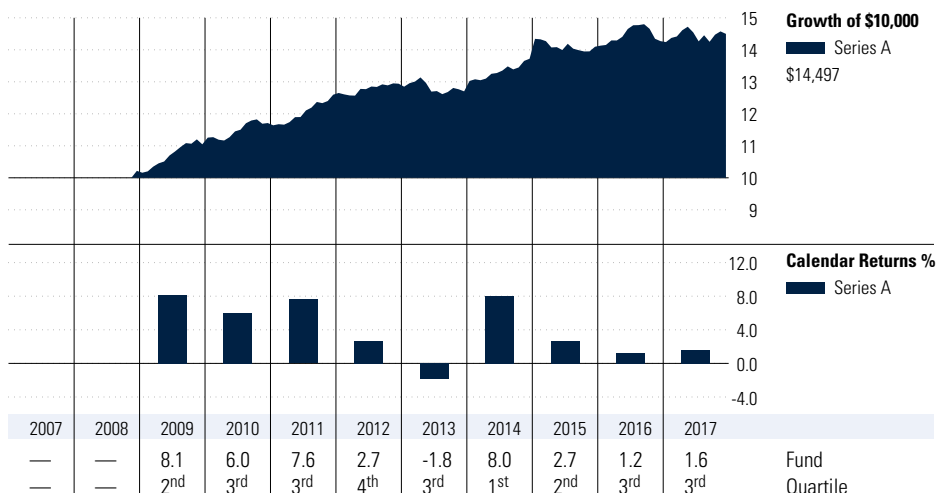
### Bond Rating

	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	2.8	Under 1 year	5.1
AAA	43.8	1 - 5 Yrs	38.1
AA	29.2	5 - 10 Yrs	27.1
A	15.5	Over 10 Yrs	29.7
BBB	8.0		
Below BBB	0.6	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.0
Mortgages	0.1	Duration (Yrs)	7.3
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	2.4

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	99.5
United States	0.5
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

## 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 %
	-0.5	1.7	-0.3	1.6	1.9	2.3	—	4.2	Fund
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
	608	604	598	584	465	373	151	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### PH&N Fixed Income Team

With one of the largest bond desks in Canada consisting of over 30 investment professionals, Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (PH&N IM) has been managing bonds since 1970 and currently manages fixed income portfolios according to strict quality and diversification guidelines. PH&N IM's strengths as a bond manager are directly related to its depth of resources – both people and technology – dedicated to the management of fixed income portfolios.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.20	0.35	0.49	0.28	0.33	0.51	0.38	0.51	0.39	0.05	—
Interest	0.20	0.21	0.24	0.25	0.26	0.27	0.30	0.36	0.37	0.04	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.14	0.25	0.03	0.07	0.23	0.08	0.15	0.01	0.01	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	11-2009	12.0	1-2012	7.6	1-2014	5.1	—	—
Worst	9-2017	-3.7	12-2017	1.9	9-2017	2.0	—	—
Average		4.0		4.0		3.8		—
No. of Periods		98		74		50		—
Pct. Positive		84.7		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

The combination of lower Government of Canada bond yields and credit-spread compression resulted in strong positive absolute returns for the Fund during the fourth quarter. The Fund was positioned with a duration profile in line with that of the benchmark for much of the quarter as yields trended lower. This positioning was adjusted to be moderately shorter than the benchmark in December, benefiting the Fund modestly when yields retraced somewhat on the back of improving economic data, prompting a more optimistic tone from the BoC. However, the Fund's yield curve positioning detracted slightly resulting from an overweight to the short end of the yield curve and underweight to the long end in an environment where longer-term bonds outperformed shorter-term bonds. Overall, interest-rate anticipation strategies were neutral to relative performance.

We continue to have a cautious view on provincial

and corporate bonds. We reduced the Fund's exposure to provincial bonds during the quarter and used the proceeds to add to holdings in Canada Housing Trust bonds, which are fully guaranteed by the federal government. The Fund is positioned with a small underweight exposure to corporate bonds with a bias toward higher-quality, less-cyclical issuers. We would like to see better valuations (i.e., wider yield spreads) in these sectors to take more meaningful positions. In the meantime, we are content to be patient.

We also continued to engage in out-of-benchmark strategies in the Fund, including small positions in inflation-linked bonds, U.S. Treasuries and maple bonds (non-Canadian companies that issue bonds in Canada in CAD). These strategies help diversify the Fund in sectors where we see opportunities to outperform traditional Canadian bonds.



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