

PH&N Total Return Bond Fund



Investment objective

To provide stability of capital and maximum total return by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of Canadian fixed income securities and derivatives based on the value of fixed income instruments.

The Fund is a high-quality Canadian-focused core fixed income fund, which provides interest income and modest capital appreciation by investing in a variety of strategies. This multi-strategy active management approach takes advantage of liquidity premiums, corporate bond spreads and interest rate anticipation to provide added value compared with the portfolio's benchmark. The Fund is also permitted to invest in high-yield bonds to take advantage of market fluctuations where appropriate.

Fund details

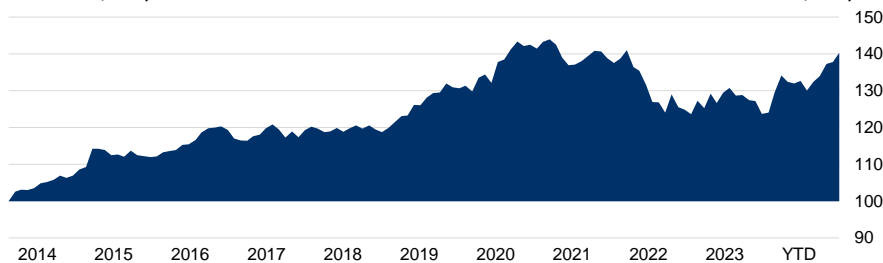
Series	Currency	Fund code
O	CAD	RBF8345

Inception date	October 2002
Total fund assets \$MM	11,441.6
Benchmark	
100%	FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index

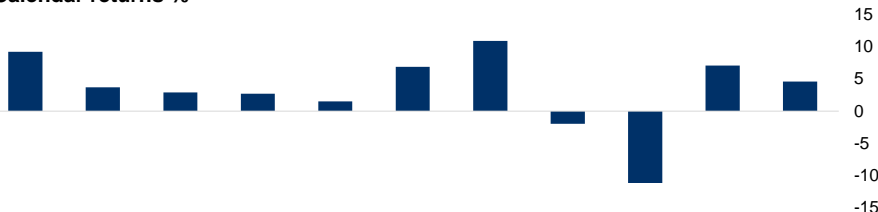
Performance analysis as of September 30, 2024

Growth of \$100,000

Series O \$140,352



Calendar returns %



2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	
9.2	3.7	2.9	2.7	1.5	6.9	10.9	-2.0	-11.2	7.1	4.6	Fund
8.8	3.5	1.7	2.5	1.4	6.9	8.7	-2.5	-11.7	6.7	4.3	Benchmark
1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since incep.		Trailing return %		
1.9	4.7	5.8	13.4	0.4	1.4	2.8	4.6		Fund		
1.9	4.7	5.6	12.9	-0.1	0.6	2.3	—		Benchmark		

Portfolio analysis as of September 30, 2024

Asset mix



	% Assets
● Cash	8.2
● Fixed income	91.8
● 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 (%)	3.7	
Current yield (%)	3.6	
Duration (years)	7.3	
Average term to maturity (years)	10.6	
Average credit rating	AA	
Risk measures	Fund	Benchmark
3-year standard deviation	7.3	7.3
5-year standard deviation	6.5	6.5

Fixed income breakdown

	%
Government Bonds	50.8
Corporate Bonds	36.4
Other Bonds	4.6
Securitized Debt	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	8.1
Direct Mortgages	0.1

Portfolio analysis continued as of September 30, 2024

Top 25 holdings	% Assets	Credit rating	%	Fixed income geographic allocation	%
Province of Quebec 3.600% Sep 01, 2033	4.8	Cash / Cash Equiv.	8.1	Canada	94.7
United States Treasury Note/Bond 4.250% Jun 30, 2029	4.6	AAA	23.9	United States	5.3
Phillips, Hager & North High Yield Bond Fund - Series O	3.4	AA	30.4	International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Province of Ontario 4.150% Dec 02, 2054	3.2	A	16.5	Emerging Markets	0.0
Canada Housing Trust No 1 3.650% Jun 15, 2033	3.2	BBB	18.9		
Province of Quebec 3.250% Sep 01, 2032	2.9	Below BBB	2.1		
Canadian Government Bond 3.000% Jun 01, 2034	2.4	Mortgages	0.1		
Province of Ontario 3.650% Jun 02, 2033	2.1	Other	0.0		
Canadian Government Bond 3.500% Sep 01, 2029	1.8				
Province of Quebec 4.400% Dec 01, 2055	1.8				
Canadian Government Bond 2.750% Dec 01, 2055	1.8				
Canadian Government Bond 1.750% Dec 01, 2053	1.6				
Province of Ontario 5.600% Jun 02, 2035	1.5				
Province of Ontario 3.500% Jun 02, 2043	1.2				
Province of Ontario 4.600% Jun 02, 2039	1.2				
Province of Alberta 4.450% Dec 01, 2054	1.2				
Canadian Government Bond 3.250% Sep 01, 2028	1.1				
Province of Alberta 3.100% Jun 01, 2050	1.0				
Canada Housing Trust No 1 1.100% Dec 15, 2026	1.0				
Province of Ontario 3.450% Jun 02, 2045	1.0				
Canadian Government Bond 2.000% Jun 01, 2028	0.8				
Verizon Communications Inc 2.375% Mar 22, 2028	0.7				
Bruce Power LP 3.969% Jun 23, 2026	0.7				
Canadian Government Bond 2.750% Sep 01, 2027	0.7				
Province of Manitoba 2.850% Sep 05, 2046	0.7				
Total % of top 25 holdings	46.7				
Total number of holdings	450				

Distributions (\$)/unit*	YTD	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Interest	—	0.40	0.34	0.32	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.37	0.39	0.39
Canadian dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign taxes paid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital gains	—	—	—	0.01	0.13	—	—	—	0.15	0.20	0.05
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total distributions	0.32	0.40	0.34	0.32	0.49	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.52	0.59	0.44

*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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