



BALANCED FUND

PHILLIPS, HAGER & NORTH GROWTH PENSION TRUST

June 30, 2025

Portfolio Manager RBC Global Asset Management Inc. ("RBC GAM")

The Board of Directors of RBC Global Asset Management Inc. approved this interim management report of fund performance on August 7, 2025.

A Note on Forward-looking Statements

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both about the Fund and general economic factors, so it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement made in relation to the Fund. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in Canada, the United States and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, changes in laws and regulations, judicial or regulatory judgments, legal proceedings and catastrophic events.

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This interim management report of fund performance ("MRFP") contains financial highlights but does not contain either the complete interim financial statements or the complete annual financial statements of the Fund. You can get a copy of the financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-800-661-6141, by writing to us at RBC Global Asset Management Inc., Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management, Investment Funds Centre, 20th Floor, 200 Burrard Street, Vancouver, B.C., V6C 3N5, by visiting our website at www.rbcgam.com/regulatorydocuments or SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Security holders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.

Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management is a division of RBC Global Asset Management Inc., the manager of the Fund and an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada ("Royal Bank").



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide investors with long-term capital growth and some income by investing primarily in a well-diversified, balanced portfolio of fixed-income and equity securities from anywhere around the world. To achieve the Fund's investment objective, the portfolio manager invests a significant portion or even all of the net asset value of the Fund in other funds managed by RBC GAM where the investment is consistent with the investment objectives and strategies of the Fund.

The Fund uses a strategic asset allocation approach that determines the appropriate asset mix with broad pre-established guidelines for each asset class. The Fund's target weightings for each asset class are 25% for fixed-income, 25% for Canadian equities, 45% for global equities and 5% for emerging-markets equities. The target weightings for each asset class may be adjusted based on changes in the market outlook for each asset class. The actual allocation to each class will be no more than 15% above or below the target weighting for the fixed-income asset class and no more than 10% above or below the target weighting for each equities asset class.

Results of Operations

The Fund's net asset value was \$2 million as of June 30, 2025.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series O units gained 5.4%. The Fund's return is after the deduction of expenses. See the Financial Highlights section for the management expense ratios and the Past Performance section for the returns of any other series, which may vary because of differences in management fees and expenses.

Trade negotiations dominated the direction of financial markets during the first six months of 2025 as early optimism that the Trump administration would focus on deregulating the economy gave way to concern that he would instead implement across-the-board tariffs on U.S. trade partners. The outlook subsequently improved as the U.S. administration reached trade agreements that ensured a worst-case scenario would not unfold. Geopolitical turmoil in the Middle East sent oil prices surging toward the end of the period on fears of a wider conflict and instability in the region, but they came back down after tensions eased. The U.S. Federal Reserve left its benchmark interest rate unchanged in a range between 4.25% and 4.50% as concern that the tariff war would spark inflation outweighed worries that the economy was slowing.

The Fund's overweight position in equities and underweight position in fixed income had a positive impact on performance. U.S. stocks retreated from all-time highs established early in the year after Trump announced his tariffs but then rebounded to finish the period near their highs. The Information Technology sector continued to support

U.S. equities, while the Consumer Discretionary sector lagged. European stocks outperformed U.S. stocks due to a shift by investors to euro-denominated assets, as well as Germany's decision to boost government spending after decades of conservative fiscal policy. In emerging markets, an equity recovery in China, which accounts for about a third of the emerging-market benchmark, bolstered emerging-market equity performance. One of the most notable emerging-market developments in 2025 was the release of an artificial-intelligence ("AI") model introduced by China's DeepSeek. The release of this AI service, which might be competitive with U.S. AI leaders such as ChatGPT, boosted investor impressions of Chinese technology companies and emerging-market technology stocks in general. The Fund's equity positions had a positive impact on portfolio performance, led by the Phillips, Hager & North Canadian Equity Underlying Fund.

Government fixed income delivered overall gains in the first half of 2025, as coupon income from bonds issued in the U.S. and China and rising bond prices in emerging markets offset the negative impact of rising interest rates – and falling bond prices – in Europe and Japan. Investors faced challenges ranging from the inflationary and growth effects of Trump's tariffs to the outbreak of war between Israel and Iran. Canadian bonds delivered minimal returns through the first six months of 2025, as concerns regarding higher-than-expected inflation from U.S. tariffs led investors to demand higher yields on most fixed-income securities. The Bank of Canada cut interest rates twice early in the year, bringing the policy rate down by 2.25 percentage points since June 2024 to 2.75% as of June 30 of this year. Riskier emerging-market bonds delivered strong gains, outperforming investment-grade issuers such as China, Malaysia and Indonesia. Overall, the Fund's fixed-income holdings had a positive impact on portfolio performance, led by the Phillips, Hager & North Bond Fund.

Recent Developments

Tariffs will exert a substantial drag on economic growth over the second half of 2025, but probably not to the extent of causing a global recession. The portfolio manager looks for mid-single-digit returns from sovereign bonds over the year ahead, with only modest valuation risk. Stocks offer slightly better return potential, particularly outside of U.S. large caps. The Fund is carrying an overweight position in stocks and an equivalent underweight position in fixed income.

Related-Party Transactions

Manager and Portfolio Manager

RBC GAM is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Bank and is the manager and principal portfolio manager of the Fund. RBC GAM is responsible for the Fund's day-to-day operations, provides investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund



and appoints distributors for the Fund. RBC GAM is paid a management fee by the Fund as compensation for its services. The Fund pays a fixed administration fee to RBC GAM, which, in turn, pays certain operating expenses of the Fund. Both the management fee and fixed administration fee are calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the net asset value of each series of units of the Fund.

RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as banking, brokerage, securities lending, foreign exchange and derivatives transactions. RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between series of funds denominated in different currencies. The Fund also maintains bank accounts and overdraft provisions with Royal Bank for which Royal Bank may earn a fee. Affiliates of RBC GAM that provide services to the Fund in the course of their normal businesses are discussed below.

Distributors

RBC GAM, Royal Mutual Funds Inc., RBC Direct Investing Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and Phillips, Hager & North Investment Funds Ltd. are principal distributors of, or may distribute certain series of units of, the Fund. Dealers may receive an ongoing commission based on the total value of their clients' investment in certain series of units of the Fund.

Registrars

RBC GAM, RBC Investor Services Trust ("RBC IS") or Royal Bank (or a combination thereof) are the registrars of the Fund and keep records of who owns units of the Fund. The registrars earn a fee, which is paid by the manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

Trustee and Custodian

RBC IS is the trustee and holds title to the Fund's property on behalf of unitholders. RBC IS is the custodian of the Fund and holds the assets of the Fund.

RBC IS earns a fee as the trustee and custodian, which is paid by the manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

Securities Lending Agent

To the extent the Fund may engage in securities lending transactions, RBC IS may act as the Fund's securities lending agent. Any revenue earned on such securities lending is split between the Fund and the securities lending agent.

Other Related-Party Transactions

Pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the Fund relied on the standing instructions from the Independent Review Committee with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

Related-Party Trading Activities

- (a) trades in securities of Royal Bank;
- (b) investments in the securities of issuers for which a related-party dealer acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the conclusion of such distribution of the underwritten securities to the public;
- (c) purchases of equity, debt securities or mortgages from or sales of equity, debt securities or mortgages to a related-party dealer, where it acted as principal; and

Inter-Fund Trading

- (d) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund or managed account managed by RBC GAM.

The applicable standing instructions require that Related-Party Trading Activities and Inter-Fund Trading be conducted in accordance with RBC GAM policy and that RBC GAM advise the Independent Review Committee of a material breach of any standing instruction. RBC GAM policy requires that an investment decision in respect of Related-Party Trading Activities (i) is made free from any influence of Royal Bank or its associates or affiliates and without taking into account any consideration relevant to Royal Bank or its affiliates or associates, (ii) represents the business judgment of the portfolio manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund, (iii) is in compliance with RBC GAM policies and procedures, and (iv) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. RBC GAM policy requires that an investment decision in respect of Inter-Fund Trading is in the best interests of each Fund.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past six months (noted by June 30, 2025), and for the past five years or for the periods since inception. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements.

Change in Net Assets Per Unit (\$)

For the Year/ Period Ended	Net Assets Beginning of Year/Period	Increase (Decrease) from Operations ¹					Annual Distributions ²					Net Assets End of Year/Period
		Total Revenue (Loss)	Total Expenses	Realized Gains (Losses)	Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Total	From Income (Excluding Dividends)	From Dividends	From Capital Gains	Return of Capital	Total	
		Series 0										
Jun. 30, 2025	12.66	0.08	—	0.15	0.48	0.71	—	—	—	—	—	13.34
Dec. 31, 2024	11.27	0.87	—	0.30	1.04	2.21	(0.10)	(0.16)	(0.67)	(0.01)	(0.94)	12.66
Dec. 31, 2023	10.48	0.54	—	0.01	0.57	1.12	(0.09)	(0.18)	(0.26)	(0.01)	(0.54)	11.27
Dec. 31, 2022	12.15	0.56	(0.08)	0.03	(1.62)	(1.11)	(0.06)	(0.17)	(0.17)	(0.01)	(0.41)	10.48
Dec. 31, 2021	11.23	0.26	(0.12)	0.90	0.81	1.85	(0.06)	(0.15)	(0.72)	(0.01)	(0.94)	12.15
Dec. 31, 2020	10.22	0.25	(0.13)	0.22	1.17	1.51	(0.07)	(0.17)	(0.25)	—	(0.49)	11.23

¹ Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

² Distributions are reinvested in additional units of the Fund or paid in cash.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

As at	Net Asset Value Per Unit (\$)	Net Asset Value (\$000s)	Number of Units Outstanding (000s)	Management Expense Ratio (%) ¹	MER Before Absorption (%) ¹	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ²	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ³
Series 0							
Jun. 30, 2025	13.34	2,318	174	0.04	0.04	13.55	0.05
Dec. 31, 2024	12.66	2,089	165	0.04	0.04	16.45	0.04
Dec. 31, 2023	11.27	1,253	111	0.04	0.04	13.70	0.06
Dec. 31, 2022	10.48	356	34	0.04	0.04	5.19	0.04
Dec. 31, 2021	12.15	274	23	0.04	0.04	9.03	0.05
Dec. 31, 2020	11.23	181	16	0.04	0.04	10.19	0.05

¹ The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on the direct expenses charged to the Fund and the Fund's proportionate share of the expenses of underlying funds, if any, for the stated period, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. RBC GAM may, at its discretion and without notice to unitholders, waive or absorb certain operating expenses. MER includes the waiver or absorption by RBC GAM of certain operating expenses, while the MER before absorption shows the MER prior to operating expenses being waived or absorbed by RBC GAM.

² The Fund's portfolio turnover rate gives an indication of the level of activity employed by the portfolio manager. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the Fund's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund. The portfolio turnover rate is not applicable to money market funds.

³ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Fund and the Fund's proportionate share of such costs of underlying funds expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The trading expense ratio is not applicable to fixed-income transactions.

Management Fees and Administration Fees

Management fees and administration fees of each series of the Fund are payable to RBC GAM and calculated at the following annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund. The management fee, breakdown of services received in consideration of the management fee, as a percentage of the management fee, and the administration fee for each series are as follows:

	Management Fees	Breakdown of Services		Administration Fees
		Distribution	Other*	
Series 0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.01%

Series 0 — no management fees are paid by the Fund with respect to Series 0 units. Series 0 unitholders pay a negotiated fee directly to RBC GAM for investment-counselling services.

* Includes all costs related to management, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

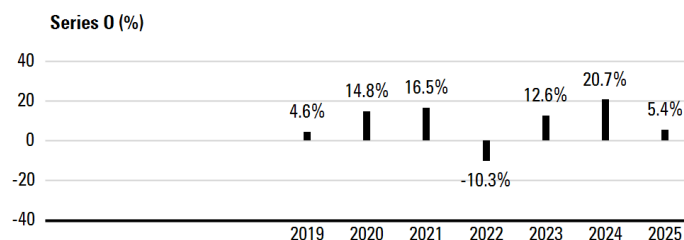


PAST PERFORMANCE

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, optional charges or income taxes payable that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund may perform in the future. A fund with more than 10 years of performance history is only permitted to disclose the past 10 years.

Year-by-Year Returns (%)

The bar chart indicates the Fund's performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the end of the financial year or interim period.



Series 0 units have been available for sale to unitholders since July 15, 2019.

Inception dates are not provided for series that have been in existence for more than 10 years.

For the 12-month periods ended December 31 and the six-month period ended June 30, 2025.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at June 30, 2025

Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Global Equity Funds	46.6
Canadian Equity Funds	25.1
Fixed Income Funds	19.5
International Equity Funds	5.1
Alternative Investment Funds	2.6
Cash/Other	1.1

Top 25 Holdings*

	% of Net Asset Value
RBC Global Equity Leaders Fund - Series 0	28.0
RBC QUBE Global Equity Fund - Series 0	18.6
Phillips, Hager & North Bond Fund - Series 0	14.1
Phillips, Hager & North Canadian Equity Value Fund - Series 0	11.0
Phillips, Hager & North Canadian Equity Underlying Fund - Series 0	11.0
RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund - Series 0	5.1
Phillips, Hager & North Small Float Fund - Series 0	3.0
RBC Canadian Core Real Estate Fund - Series N	2.6
BlueBay Global Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund (Canada) - Series 0	2.5
RBC Global Bond Fund - Series 0	1.7
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1.2
Phillips, Hager & North High Yield Bond Fund - Series 0	1.2
Total	100.0

* The Fund holds fewer than 25 holdings.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and a quarterly update is available at www.rbcgam.com/regulatorydocuments.

The Simplified Prospectus and other information about the underlying funds are available on the investment fund's designated website and on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.