



# RBC Select Very Conservative Portfolio

## Investment Objective

To provide income and the potential for modest capital growth by investing primarily in funds managed by RBC GAM, emphasizing mutual funds that invest in fixed income securities with some exposure to mutual funds that invest in equity securities. The portfolio invests in a mix of Canadian, U.S. and international funds.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF209
A	No Load	USD	RBF515
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF871
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF787
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF214
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4515
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF544

Inception Date	March 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	13,325.6
Series A NAV \$	12.76
Series A MER %	1.69
Benchmark	78% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index 10% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index 5% S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD) 5% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (CAD) 2% FTSE Canada 30 Day TBill Index

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	Canadian Fixed Income Balanced
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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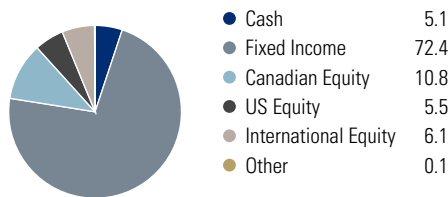
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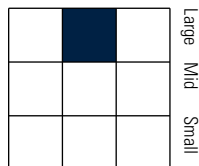
Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF209).

## Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2019

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.0
P/E Ratio	15.6
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	45.1

### Top 5 Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Financials	27.2
Industrials	12.9
Energy	10.5
Information Technology	8.6
Consumer Staples	8.3

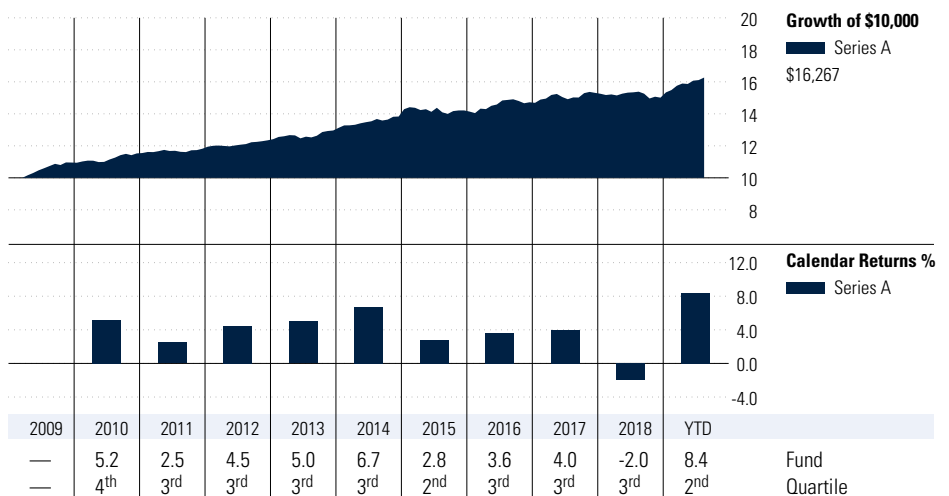
### Fixed Income Breakdown

Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	47.7
Corporate Bonds	40.8
Other Bonds	4.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.5
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	6.5
Asset Backed Securities	0.4

### Top 10 Holdings

Holder	% Assets
PH&N Bond Fund O	14.2
RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund O	13.1
RBC Global Bond Fund O	11.7
PH&N Total Return Bond Fund O	10.1
RBC Canadian Short-Term Income Fund O	7.5
RBC Bond Fund O	6.4
PH&N Short Term Bond & Mortgage Fund O	5.9
PH&N US Multi-Style All-Cap Equity Fd O	4.9
RBC European Equity Fund O	4.4
PH&N Conservative Equity Income Fund O	3.4
<b>Total % of Top 10 Holdings</b>	<b>81.6</b>
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	23
Total Number of Stock Holdings	909
Total Number of Bond Holdings	10,150
Total Number of Other Holdings	233
<b>Total Number of Underlying Holdings</b>	<b>11,292</b>

## Performance Analysis as of August 31, 2019



Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Return	1.0	2.5	5.1	5.7	3.0	3.5	4.2	5.0	Fund
Rank	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	Quartile
No. of Funds	613	604	598	557	473	362	155	—	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 August 31, 2019

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	0.06	0.34	0.19	0.35	0.43	0.48	0.27	0.25	0.22	0.24	0.29
Interest	0.06	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.13	0.15	0.15	0.20
Dividends	—	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.07
Capital Gains	—	0.19	0.07	0.21	0.26	0.34	0.10	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.02
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	3-2010	10.7	3-2012	6.3	3-2014	5.8	3-2019	4.6
Worst	2-2016	-2.6	2-2018	1.7	12-2018	3.0	8-2019	4.2
Average		4.1		4.2		4.4		4.4
No. of Periods		114		90		66		6
Pct. Positive		93.9		100.0		100.0		100.0

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

### Commentary as at June 30, 2019

The economic backdrop continued to deteriorate during the first half of 2019 as weaker growth in Europe and emerging markets offset a solid expansion in North America. In Europe, Italy faced demands to get a handle on its debt and budget deficit, and President Trump ramped up pressure on Iran, pursued an aggressive stance on trade toward China and threatened to impose tariffs on Mexico. The U.S. Federal Reserve acknowledged these threats to the outlook with a willingness to lower short-term interest rates in support of growth.

Government-bond prices rose as investors sought safe-haven assets in reaction to the macroeconomic uncertainty. The yield on the U.S. 10-year government bond fell to the lowest level since 2017 and a full percentage point below its 2018 high. In Japan and Germany, 10-year government-bond yields fell further into negative territory and the 10-year German-bund yield reached a record low.

Equities rebounded in all regions after significant

declines toward the end of 2018 lowered valuations to attractive levels and the weaker global expansion prompted speculation that the major central banks would provide more monetary stimulus, lending further support to valuations. The gains restored the S&P 500 Index to levels near all-time highs.

In the view of the portfolio manager, the risk of fixed-income losses is elevated in all regions. While bonds may deliver low or even negative total returns, stocks can generate single-digit to low-double-digit gains in an environment of moderate growth, low interest rates and low inflation. The near-term challenge for stocks is the fact that earnings growth has stalled as declining profit margins have offset stronger revenue growth. The portfolio manager continues to overweight stocks but recently shifted half a percentage point from the equity allocation into cash, moving further along the path of de-risking portfolios as the business cycle matures.



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