

RBC \$U.S. Strategic Income Bond Fund

Investment Objective

To provide regular monthly income with a potential for modest capital appreciation. The fund invests primarily in units of other mutual funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate of RBC GAM (called the underlying funds), emphasizing mutual funds that invest in higher yielding fixed-income securities.

Fund Details

Current Payout Rate (%)*

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Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	USD	RBF442
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4442
Adv	No Load	USD	RBF6442

Inception Date	January 2018
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	53.6
Series A NAV \$	9.66
Series A MER %	1.77
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Aggregate Index (USD)
Income Distribution	Monthly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually
Monthly Distribution (¢/unit	3.35

*Assuming 12 consecutive months at the monthly distribution set out above. The estimate does not include any year-end capital gains distributions paid in addition to the regular monthly distribution nor should it be confused with performance or rates of return.

Min. Investment \$ Subsequent Investment \$	500 25
Fund Category	High Yield Fixed Income
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

Asset Mix		% Assets
	Cash	16.8
	Fixed Income	83.0
	Canadian Equity	0.0
	 US Equity 	0.0

International Equity

0.2

Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2019

Fixed Income Breakdown	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	18.9
Corporate Bonds	63.9
Other Bonds	10.1
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	7.0
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Asset Backed Secur	ities	0				
Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%			
Cash / Cash Equiv.	7.0	Under 1 year	14.1			
AAA	1.1	1 - 5 Yrs	33.2			
AA	2.3	5 - 10 Yrs	33.0			
Α	14.8	Over 10 Yrs	19.8			
BBB	30.1					
Below BBB	44.3	Avg. Term to	7.7			
Mortgages	0.0	maturity (Yrs)				
NR/NA	0.4	Duration (Yrs)	4.9			
		Yield to Maturity	4.2			

Geographic Allocations	% Assets			
Canada	0.9			
United States	45.6			
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	4.1			
Emerging Markets	49.4			

Top 10 Holdings	% Assets
RBC Emerging Markets Bond Fund O	25.1
RBC \$U.S. Inv Grade Corporate Bond O	25.0
RBC \$U.S. High Yield Bond Fund O	16.0
BlueBay Emerging Markets Corp Bd 0	11.0
BlueBay \$U.S. Glb Convert Bd (Can) O	10.0
RBC Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange O	10.0
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	97.1
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	7
Total Number of Stock Holdings	28
Total Number of Bond Holdings	2,047
Total Number of Other Holdings	133
Total Number of Underlying Holdings	2,208





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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	0.27	0.51	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Interest	0.27	0.38	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	0.14	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Y	′r	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ıded	10 Yr
Best	8-2019	8.	0	_	_		_	_		_	_
Worst	1-2019	-0.	7	_	_		_	_		_	_
Average		4.	0		_			_			_
No. of Periods			8		_			_			_
Pct. Positive		87.	5		_			_			_

^{*} Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

Commentary as at June 30, 2019

The global economic backdrop deteriorated during the first half of 2019, as weaker growth in Europe and emerging markets offset a solid expansion in North America. Geopolitics took on greater prominence during the period. 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 Mexico with tariffs. The U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) acknowledged these cumulative threats to the outlook with a willingness to lower short-term interest rates in support of economic growth.

Fixed income rose broadly in the first half, recovering from declines in late 2018 as the Fed signaled an end to its current round of interest-rate hikes amid increased concerns about slowing global economic growth and persistently weak inflation. The renewed search for higher-yielding assets in a low-interest-rate environment contributed to particularly strong returns for lower-quality U.S. corporate bonds and emerging-market debt. U.S. investment-grade bonds also delivered

strong results, though companies sensitive to China's economy such as automobile parts and technology were hurt by escalating trade tensions between China and the U.S.

The drop in bond yields now reflects expectations for slower global economic growth, geopolitical concerns and the current state of the trade conflict between the U.S. and China. As a result, the portfolio manager believes that any further significant decline in yields will require an even weaker outlook for growth and trade, or the outbreak of war between the U.S. and Iran. The risk of a near-term recession remains low, in the view of the portfolio manager, and any signs of economic stabilization and/or an easing in trade tensions could push yields sharply higher and lead to declines in bond prices. As a result, the portfolio manager expects higher-than-normal financialmarket volatility in the second half of 2019 given that investors are divided on the outlook for economic growth and financial markets.



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