



# RBC \$U.S. Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide interest income with the potential for modest capital growth by investing primarily in U.S. corporate bonds. The fund invests primarily in a portfolio of diversified investment grade fixed-income securities issued by U.S. corporations.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	USD	RBF484
Adv	Deferred Sales	USD	RBF884
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF724
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF084

Inception Date	August 2013
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	195.0
Series A NAV \$	9.87
Series A MER %	1.26
Benchmark	Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate Bond Index (US\$)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

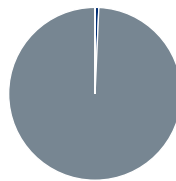
Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

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

## Portfolio Analysis as of July 31, 2019

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	0.7
Fixed Income	99.3
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	1.3
Corporate Bonds	98.5
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	0.2
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	0.2	Under 1 year	2.8
AAA	1.3	1 - 5 Yrs	31.9
AA	2.4	5 - 10 Yrs	30.3
A	40.3	Over 10 Yrs	35.0
BBB	55.8		
Below BBB	0.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	10.9
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	7.5
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	3.2

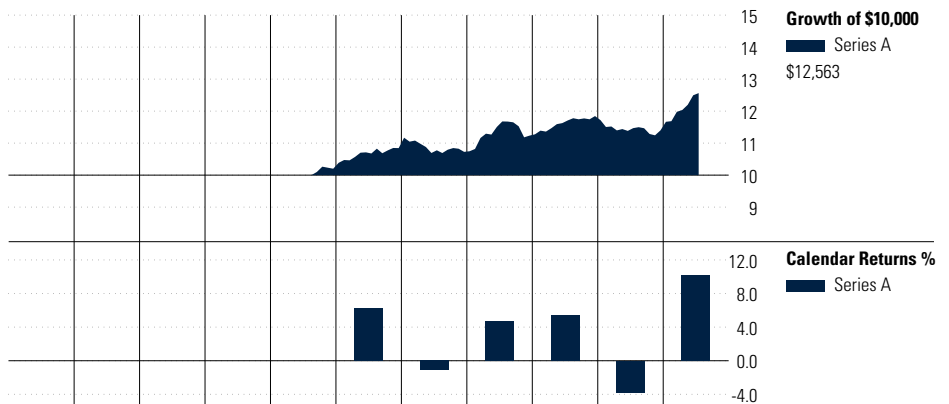
### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	2.6
United States	84.1
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	13.3
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Appalachian Power Company 7% 01-04-2038	1.2
Exelon Corporation 5.62% 15-06-2035	1.0
Southern Power Company 4.95% 15-12-2046	1.0
Bank of America Corp 3.88% 01-08-2025	1.0
US Treasury Bonds 3% 15-02-2049	1.0
Cooperatieve Rabobank 4.38% 04-08-2025	1.0
Citigroup Inc. 3.2% 21-10-2026	0.9
Kinder Morgan Energy 6.95% 15-01-2038	0.9
ConocoPhillips Company 6.95% 15-04-2029	0.9
Morgan Stanley 3.88% 27-01-2026	0.9
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	9.7
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	234
Total Number of Other Holdings	10
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>244</b>

## Performance Analysis as of July 31, 2019



Year	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	YTD	
Calendar Returns %	—	—	—	—	—	6.3	-1.1	4.7	5.4	-3.8	10.2	Fund
	—	—	—	—	—	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quartile

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	0.5	4.4	7.7	9.5	2.5	3.3	—	3.8	Fund
	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	Quartile
	135	135	134	129	94	71	13	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### James Weinand

#### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Jim Weinand is a portfolio manager in our fixed income group. He researches the telecommunications, media, technology, consumer, health care and REIT sectors of the corporate market. Before joining the firm in 2010, Jim conducted high yield credit and quantitative equity research at Columbia Management. He earned a BS in finance from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management and is a CFA charterholder.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of July 31, 2019

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	0.13	0.27	0.27	0.49	0.81	0.27	0.08	—	—	—	—
Interest	0.13	0.27	0.22	0.26	0.28	0.20	0.06	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	0.05	0.23	0.53	0.07	0.02	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	6-2019	9.8	8-2016	5.3	7-2019	3.3	—	—
Worst	11-2018	-4.3	4-2018	1.3	11-2018	1.9	—	—
Average		2.6		2.6		2.5		—
No. of Periods		60		36		12		—
Pct. Positive		73.3		100.0		100.0		—

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

### Commentary as at June 30, 2019

Strong returns in U.S. investment-grade corporate bonds were driven by a combination of falling Treasury-bond yields and a narrowing gap between Treasury yields on the premium required to investors to own corporate bonds. Bond yields fell as the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") signaled an end to the current round of interest-rate hikes on concerns about slowing global economic growth. Investors viewed the Fed's shift as a positive sign in support of economic growth and corporate profitability, translating into increased demand for corporate bonds.

Investment-grade bonds of lower credit quality performed better than their higher-rated counterparts, while longer-dated bonds outperformed fixed-income securities with shorter maturities. The Fund benefited from an overweight position in lower-rated securities and large issuers, which performed strongly. The top individual contributors were Southern Co. and Anheuser-Busch InBev, which announced that it was cutting dividends to focus on debt reduction.

An overweight position in CVS Health and the absence of General Electric from the portfolio had a negative impact on returns.

Escalating trade tensions between the U.S. and China remain the primary risk to financial markets and the sub-advisor expects volatility to continue until greater clarity is achieved on this issue. As a result, the sub-advisor favours companies with a domestic focus and that operate in industries whose earnings tend to be less exposed to the ebb and flow of economic growth. The Fund's primary focus is on security selection in the belief that interest-rate movements are difficult to call. The Fund remains overweight in the Utilities sector and banks, where industry regulations are favorable to bondholders. The portfolio has less exposure to companies in the consumer and technology sectors, in which risks related to trade are more concerning and where there is merger and acquisition activity that is less friendly to bondholders.



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