



# RBC Canadian Government Bond Index Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide a total return consisting of income and moderate capital growth by tracking the performance of the FTSE Canada Federal Bond Index, either directly or indirectly through investment in units of other mutual funds.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF563
Inception Date		June 2000	
Total Fund Assets \$Mil		175.9	
Series A NAV \$		12.17	
Series A MER %		0.61	
Benchmark		FTSE Canada Federal Bond Index	
Income Distribution		Quarterly	
Capital Gains Distribution		Annually	
Sales Status		Open	
Min. Investment \$		500	
Subsequent Investment \$		25	
Fund Category		Canadian Fixed Income	
Management Company		RBC Global Asset Management Inc.	
Web Site		www.rbcgam.com	

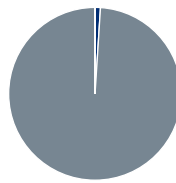
## Notes

Fund's investment objective changed effective June 30, 2017.

The fund's investment objective changed effective on or about April 8, 2019.

## Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2019

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	1.0
Fixed Income	99.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	98.9
Corporate Bonds	0.0
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	1.1
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

Bond Rating	%	Term to Maturity	%
Cash / Cash Equiv.	1.1	Under 1 year	0.0
AAA	98.9	1 - 5 Yrs	56.8
AA	0.0	5 - 10 Yrs	25.2
A	0.0	Over 10 Yrs	18.0
BBB	0.0		
Below BBB	0.0	Avg. Term to maturity (Yrs)	7.7
Mortgages	0.0	Duration (Yrs)	6.2
NR/NA	0.0	Yield to Maturity	1.4

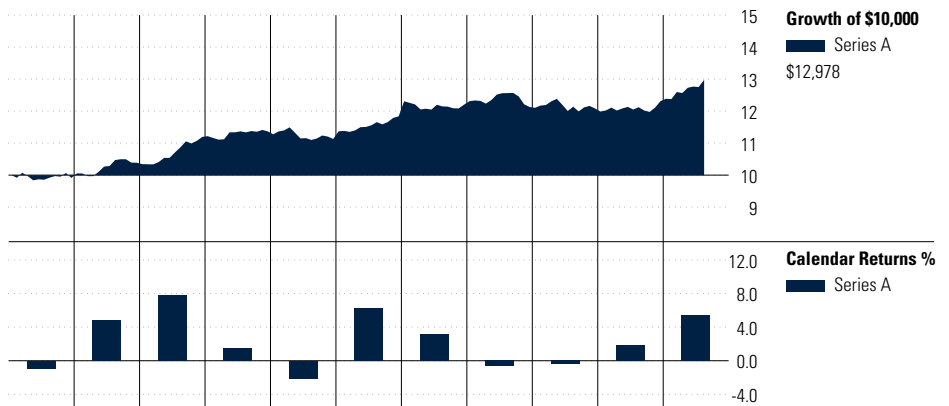
### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	100.0
United States	0.0
International (ex-Emerging Markets)	0.0
Emerging Markets	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Canada Housing Tr No.1 1.25% 15-06-2021	10.2
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 3.35% 15-12-2020	7.7
Canada (Government of) 4% 01-06-2041	6.3
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.35% 15-09-2023	6.2
Canada (Government of) 3.5% 01-12-2045	5.1
Canada (Government of) 2% 01-06-2028	4.9
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 1.75% 15-06-2022	4.9
Canada (Government of) 1.5% 01-06-2026	4.1
Canada Hsg Tr No 1 2.65% 15-03-2022	4.1
Canada Housing Tr No.1 1.25% 15-12-2020	4.0
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	57.5
Total Number of Stock Holdings	0
Total Number of Bond Holdings	27
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>28</b>

## Performance Analysis as of August 31, 2019



Year	Calendar Returns %	Fund Quartile
2009	-0.9 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2010	4.8 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2011	7.8 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2012	1.5 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2013	-2.1 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
2014	6.3 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2015	3.1 1 <sup>st</sup>	
2016	-0.6 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2017	-0.4 4 <sup>th</sup>	
2018	1.9 1 <sup>st</sup>	
YTD	5.4 4 <sup>th</sup>	

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	1.8 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.9 4 <sup>th</sup>	4.9 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.1 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.1 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.2 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.7 4 <sup>th</sup>	4.1	Fund
	579	567	558	534	454	342	157	—	Quartile
									No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Suzanne Gaynor

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Suzanne Gaynor is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Fixed Income and Currencies. She has been in the investment industry since 1988.

#### Joanne Lee

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Joanne co-manages two Canadian bond mutual funds and is actively involved in the management of global fixed income portfolios and fixed income derivatives. Since joining the fixed income team at RBC Global Asset Management in 2006 as an analyst, Joanne has been responsible for research on new investment strategies and opportunities using various investment instruments in developed bond markets. Joanne holds a Master of Finance Degree, 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	0.10	0.21	0.20	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.31	0.26	0.31	0.36	0.38
Interest	0.10	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.31	0.36	0.37
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.06	—	—	—	0.01
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	10-2001	11.8	6-2003	7.5	6-2005	6.9	9-2010	5.6
Worst	9-2017	-4.6	1-2018	-0.9	4-2018	0.9	12-2018	2.1
Average		3.9		3.9		4.0		4.1
No. of Periods		219		195		171		111
Pct. Positive		84.5		95.9		100.0		100.0

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

### Commentary as at June 30, 2019

Canadian bonds recorded solid returns in the first half of 2019, joining a global rally led by fixed-income markets in the U.S. and Europe. Concerns about a slowdown in the global economic expansion and worsening trade tensions prompted major central banks to shift to a preference for lower interest rates after having indicated that rates would rise for most of last year. The yield on Canada's 10-year government yield dropped about ½ percentage point during the period, while the Bank of Canada left its benchmark interest rate at 1.75%. Meanwhile, the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") acknowledged the threats to the economic outlook and indicated a willingness to lower short-term interest rates to support the economy.

Mortgage bonds, which are backed by the federal government and comprise almost 1/3 of the federal bond market, underperformed Government of Canada bonds.

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 sharp declines in bond prices.

The portfolio manager expects higher-than-normal financial-market volatility in the second half of the year as investors are facing bifurcated economic outcomes of further weakening or less weakening than originally feared. The Fund will continue to hold an overweight position in Canadian government-backed mortgage bonds, as the higher income that they offer would help offset capital losses if yields rise further.



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