

# PH&N Monthly Income Fund

## Investment Objective

The fundamental investment objective of the Fund is to provide a relatively high monthly income that may consist of dividend income, interest income, realized capital gains and a return of capital, with the potential for modest capital growth, by investing in a well-diversified balanced portfolio of income-producing equity securities including, but not limited to, common shares of Canadian companies that pay dividends and income trusts, and fixed income securities such as preferred shares, government and corporate bonds, debentures and notes.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF7660
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6660
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4660
H	No Load	CAD	RBF2660

Inception Date	December 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	1,724.9
Series A NAV \$	9.18
Series A MER %	1.92
Benchmark	50% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return 35% FTSE Canada Universe Bond 10% ICE BofA Merrill Lynch Cdn High Yield 5% S&P/TSX Preferred Share Total Return

Income Distribution	Monthly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually
Monthly Distribution (¢/unit)	3.55
Current Payout Rate (%)*	4.64

\*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.

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

Fund Category	Canadian Neutral Balanced
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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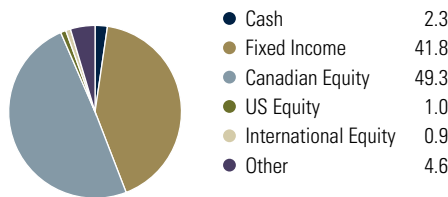
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## Notes

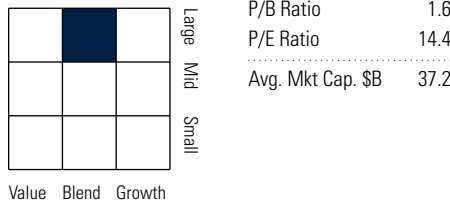
This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective June 27, 2014.

## Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2019

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



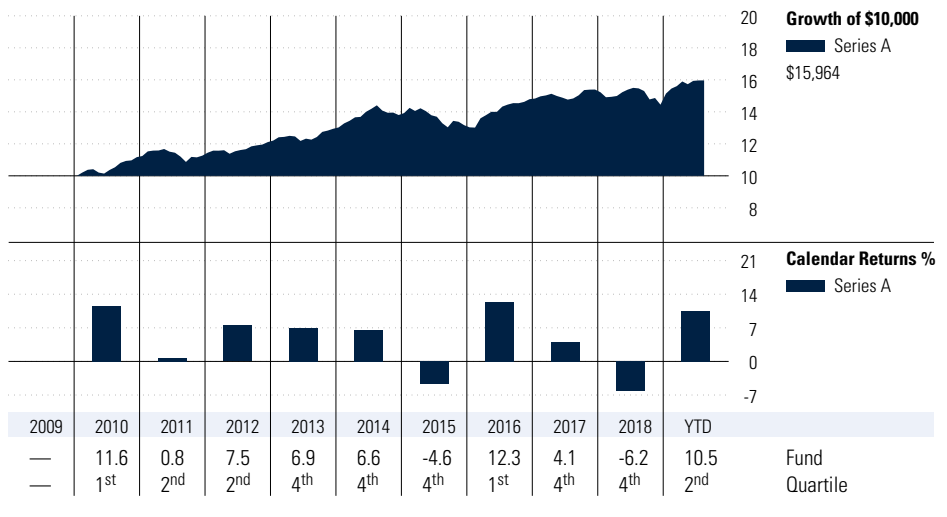
### Top 5 Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Financials	39.3
Energy	15.9
Industrials	13.1
Materials	7.9
Communication Services	6.3

### Fixed Income Breakdown

Category	% Fixed Income
Government Bonds	64.6
Corporate Bonds	33.9
Other Bonds	0.0
Mortgage Backed Securities	0.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	1.5
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

## 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 %
Value	0.0	1.5	3.3	3.2	3.4	2.1	—	4.9	Fund
Ranking	—	3rd	4th	3rd	3rd	4th	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	620	620	618	608	549	404	146	—	No. of Funds in Category

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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Scott Lysakowski

#### Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management

Scott is the Head of Canadian Equities for PH&N Investment Management and Senior Portfolio Manager on the team's core Canadian equity strategies. He joined the firm in 2002, where he was a senior research analyst and portfolio manager with the Toronto-based Canadian equity team before moving to Vancouver to join the PH&N IM team in 2009. Prior to being named Head in 2018, Scott was Co-Head of the team since 2012. Scott is a CFA charterholder.

#### PH&N Fixed Income Team

With one of the largest bond desks in Canada consisting of over 30 investment professionals, Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (PH&N IM) has been managing bonds since 1970 and currently manages fixed income portfolios according to strict quality and diversification guidelines. PH&N IM's strengths as a bond manager are directly related to its depth of resources – both people and technology – dedicated to the management of fixed income portfolios.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	0.28	0.48	0.49	0.46	0.50	1.11	0.70	0.50	0.53	0.50	—
Interest	0.28	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.08	0.15	0.14	0.23	0.50	—
Dividends	—	0.17	0.09	0.18	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.20	0.19	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.06	0.30	0.08	0.04	0.86	0.36	0.12	0.08	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	0.25	0.10	0.13	0.26	—	—	0.04	0.03	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	8-2014	17.5	9-2014	9.0	2-2015	6.9	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-8.6	8-2017	1.0	8-2019	2.1	—	—
Average		4.7		4.8		4.5		—
No. of Periods		105		81		57		—
Pct. Positive		80.0		100.0		100.0		—

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

### Commentary as at June 30, 2019

The Fund posted strong returns over the first half of 2019, largely driven by falling bond yields that created broader support for the bond market. However, the Fund was positioned to benefit from the expectation of slightly higher bond yields, which limited relative returns. This view was supported by reasonably strong corporate earnings, low unemployment levels, higher inflation and Bank of Canada rhetoric in late 2018 indicating that future rate hikes were on the horizon. The Fund's fixed-income portion benefited from exposure to investment-grade corporate bonds and provincial bonds.

Within the equities segment of the portfolio, the Materials and Financials sectors contributed the most to performance during the first half of 2019, largely driven by positions in Barrick Gold and Element Fleet Management. The Consumer Discretionary sector also performed well, led by positions in Dollarama and Magna International.

Positioning in the Industrials sector hurt the Fund's performance during the first half of 2019, with a

large negative impact from a holding in SNC-Lavalin. A position in ARC Resources also held back performance over the period.

The re-escalation of global trade tensions, the decelerating pace of global economic growth and concerns about the sustainability of economic growth are among the factors pushing down bond yields. In Canada, the economic outlook reflects moderating housing activity and considerable pressure on the domestic energy sector. At the same time, Canada's job market has been quite strong, according to recent job-creation data, and inflation has been trending upwards since the start of the year. In light of these developments, the Bank of Canada has left its benchmark interest rate unchanged since October 2018.

Given the portfolio manager's view that the economic expansion may be in its latter stages, the fixed-income portion of the Fund is positioned with a focus on higher-quality issuers that are less sensitive to a slowdown in growth.

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