# **RBC High Yield Bond Fund**



## Investment objective

To provide a high level of income with the potential for modest capital growth. The fund invests primarily in higher yielding corporate debt securities issued by Canadian and U.S. corporations.

The investment team emphasizes value, seeking quality companies with stable-to-improving credit profiles that are undervalued. Detailed credit and industry analysis is conducted to evaluate opportunities for superior rates of return while simultaneously minimizing default prospects. The portfolio is well-diversified across issuer, industry and credit rating, with the goal of balancing volatility with portfolio return optimization. Mandate guidelines are flexible, with the option to tilt toward investment-grade bonds when appropriate.

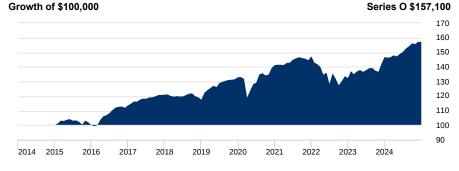
#### **Fund details**

Series	Currency	Fund code				
0	CAD	RBF296				
Inception date		October 2010				
Total fund asset	ts \$MM	2.528.1				

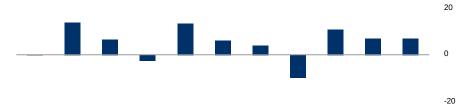
#### Benchmark

100% FTSE Canada Short Term Overall Bond Index

## Performance analysis as of December 31, 2024



## Calendar returns %



2015 2016 2022 2024 YTD 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2023 13.6 -2.8 7.1 7.1 0.0 6.4 13.1 6.3 4.2 -10.1 10.8 Fund 3.5 1.7 2.5 1.4 6.9 8.7 -2.5 -11.7 6.7 4.0 4.0 Benchmark

1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since incep.	Trailing return %
0.0	0.7	4.6	7.1	2.2	3.4	4.6	5.5	Fund
0.4	0.6	4.1	4.0	-0.7	8.0	2.0	_	Benchmark

## Portfolio analysis as of December 31, 2024



Fixed income characteristics		Fixed income breakdown	%
Yield to maturity (%)	5.5	Government Bonds	0.0
Current yield (%)	5.4	Corporate Bonds	99.1
Duration (years)	3.7	Other Bonds	0.0
Average term to maturity (years)	13.1	Securitized Debt	0.0
Average credit rating	BB	ST Investments (Cash & Other)	0.9
		Direct Mortgages	0.0

Risk measures	Fund	Benchmark
3-year standard deviation	7.7	6.9
5-year standard deviation	8.3	6.2

%

53.6 39.7

> 5.7 0.9

#### Portfolio analysis continued as of December 31, 2024

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Top 25 holdings % A	Assets
iShares Broad USD High Yield Corporate Bond ETF	2.7
Rogers Communications Inc 5.000% Dec 17, 2081	1.4
ATS Corp 6.500% Aug 21, 2032	1.0
Pembina Pipeline Corp 4.800% Jan 25, 2081	1.0
Chemtrade Logistics Inc 6.375% Aug 28, 2029	0.9
Latam Airlines Group SA 7.875% Apr 15, 2030	0.9
Wolf Midstream Canada LP 6.400% Jul 18, 2029	0.9
Capital Power Corp 8.125% Jun 05, 2054	0.9
Precision Drilling Corp 6.875% Jan 15, 2029	0.9
Univision Communications Inc 8.000% Aug 15, 2028	0.9
Brookfield Infrastructure Finance ULC 6.750% Mar 15, 2055	0.9
Cineplex Inc 7.625% Mar 31, 2029	8.0
Government of Canada T-Bill Feb 27, 2025	8.0
Secure Waste Infrastructure Corp 6.750% Mar 22, 2029	8.0
Crescent Energy Finance LLC 9.250% Feb 15, 2028	8.0
Northriver Midstream Finance LP 6.750% Ju 15, 2032	1 0.8
Jones Deslauriers Insurance Management Inc 8.500% Mar 15, 2030	8.0
Athabasca Oil Corp 6.750% Aug 09, 2029	8.0
Keyera Corp 6.875% Jun 13, 2079	8.0
Sleep Country Canada Holdings Inc 6.625% Nov 28, 2032	8.0
Energy Transfer LP 8.000% May 15, 2054	0.8
Sunoco LP 7.000% May 01, 2029	8.0
Albertsons Cos Inc / Safeway Inc / New Albertsons LP / Albertsons LLC 5.875% Feb 15, 2028	8.0
Calpine Corp 5.000% Feb 01, 2031	0.7
Empire Communities Corp 7.625% Nov 01, 2029	0.7

Total % of top 25 holdings

Credit ratings	%	Fixed income geographic allocation
Cash/Cash Equiv.	0.9	Canada
AAA	0.2	United States
AA	0.2	International (ex-Emerging Markets)
A	4.6	Emerging Markets
BBB	19.5	
Below BBB	71.6	
Mortgages	0.0	
Other	3.0	

Highest/lowest returns (%) <sup>†</sup>		1 yr		3 yr		5 yr		10 yr
	Ended	Return	Ended	Return	Ended	Return	Ended	Return
Highest	03-2021	18.9	09-2014	9.3	09-2016	8.1	09-2021	6.7
Lowest	09-2022	-12.8	09-2022	-0.9	09-2022	1.2	09-2022	3.7
Average	_	5.5	_	4.8	_	5.0	_	5.0
No. of periods	_	159	_	135	_	111	_	51
% positive	_	87.4	_	97.0	_	100.0	_	100.0

<sup>†</sup>Highest/lowest returns (%) is based on data since inception of the fund.

Distributions(\$)/unit*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Interest	_	0.53	0.50	0.51	0.49	0.53	0.57	0.54	0.55	0.62	0.64
Canadian dividends	_	_	_	_	0.00	0.00	_	_	_	_	_
Foreign dividends	_	_	0.00	0.01	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Foreign taxes paid	_	_	_	0.00	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital gains	_	_	_	0.19	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return of capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Total distributions	0.53	0.53	0.50	0.70	0.49	0.53	0.57	0.54	0.55	0.62	0.64

<sup>\*</sup>Income type characterization and foreign taxes paid for the previous year, are reported at or around January month-end. Distributions reported are for the same series as the performance analysis. For distributions on other series please visit rbcgam.com/funds.

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