



# RBC Short Duration Fixed Income Fund

## Fund Strategy

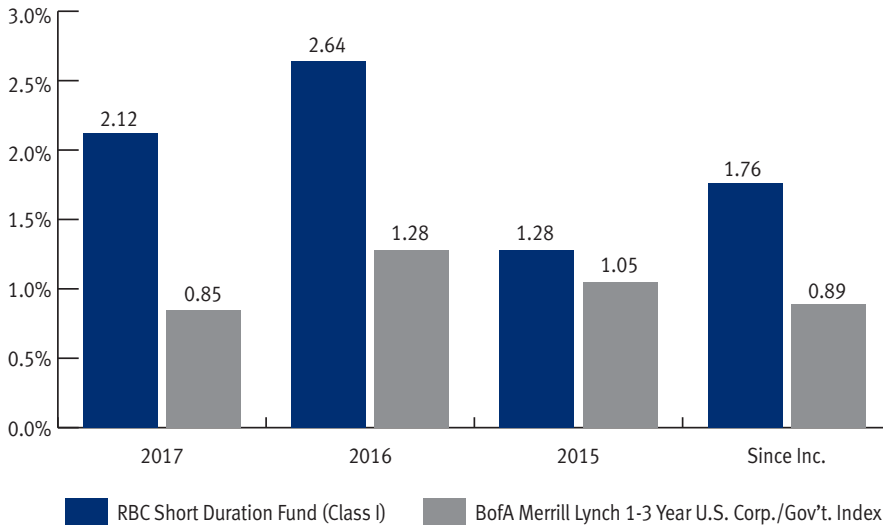
The RBC Short Duration Fixed Income Fund seeks to achieve a high level of current income consistent with preservation of capital. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing, under normal circumstances, at least 80% of its assets in fixed income securities. The fixed income securities in which the Fund may invest include, but are not limited to, bonds, convertible securities, municipal securities, mortgage-related and asset-backed securities, and obligations of governments and their agencies. In addition, the Fund may invest in derivatives. The Fund seeks to maintain a duration of three years or less.

## Investment Performance (as of 12.31.17)

	Total Returns		Average Annual Total Returns		
	Quarter	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inc.
I Shares	0.12%	2.12%	2.12%	2.00%	1.76%
A Shares*	0.10%	2.02%	2.02%	1.90%	1.66%
BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year Corp./Gov't. Index	-0.18%	0.85%	0.85%	0.93%	0.89%

\*Formerly Class F Shares

## Calendar Year Returns



Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at <https://us.rbcgam.com/mutual-funds> after the seventh business day after month-end or call 800.973.0073.

Performance shown reflects contractual fee waivers. Without such waivers, total returns would be reduced. Performance shown for a share class before its inception is based on the performance of the share class with the earliest inception date and adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses, and any applicable sales charges of the share class shown.

<sup>1</sup>The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or pay operating expenses to limit the Fund's total expenses (excluding brokerage and other investment-related costs, interest, taxes, dues, fees and other charges of governments and their agencies, extraordinary expenses such as litigation and indemnification, other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business and acquired fund fees and expenses) to the net expenses in the table. This expense limitation agreement is in place until 7.31.18 and may not be terminated by the Adviser before that date. Net expense ratios are as of the most recent prospectus dated 7.28.17 and applicable to investors.

## Overall Morningstar Rating™



Overall Morningstar Rating™ out of 462 Short-Term Bond Funds as of 12.31.17, based on 3-Year Risk-Adjusted Returns

## Fund Facts

### Expense Ratio:

	Gross	Net <sup>1</sup>
I Shares	1.12%	0.35%
A Shares	1.53%	0.45%

### CUSIP:

I Shares	74926P274
A Shares	74926P258

### Ticker:

I Shares	RSDIX
A Shares	RSHFX

### Minimum Initial Investment (as of 2.1.18):

I Shares	\$10,000.00
A Shares	\$1,000.00

### Inception Date:

I Shares	12.30.13
A Shares	3.3.14

Net Fund Assets: \$26.26 million

Dividend Frequency: Monthly

## Investment Team

**Brandon Swensen, CFA**  
Managing Director,  
Co-Head, US Fixed Income  
Investment Experience: 19 years

**Brian Svendahl, CFA**  
Managing Director,  
Co-Head, US Fixed Income  
Investment Experience: 25 years

Supported by a team of 12 portfolio managers and research analysts

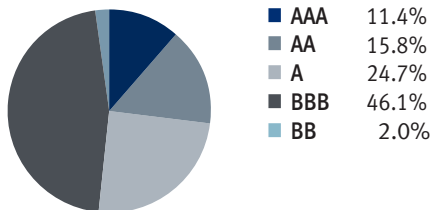
## Fund Characteristics

	Fund
No. of Issues	149
No. of Issuers	90
Avg. Holdings Wt.	0.67%
Effective Duration	1.98 yrs
Average Maturity	2.83 yrs

## Sector Distribution

	Fund
Corporate	70.9%
Agency Secured	2.9%
ABS	24.8%
Agency MBS	0.4%
Municipal	1.0%

## Credit Distribution



Source: RBC GAM-US, Bloomberg

All data shown here is as of 12.31.17 unless otherwise noted.

**Effective Duration** - a weighted average duration calculation for bonds with embedded options. It takes into account that expected cash flows will fluctuate as interest rates change. Duration measures the sensitivity of a bond's price to changes in interest rates.

**Tracking Error** - the standard deviation of excess returns and measures how consistently a portfolio performs compared to its benchmark. It is sometimes called active risk because it measures a manager's decision to differ from a benchmark's positions.

The credit distribution is subject to change and based on the average of the credit ratings assigned to each security in the portfolio by Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch. If no rating is provided by any of the agencies, an average of the ratings provided by the remaining agencies is used. The credit quality of the investments in the portfolio does not apply to the stability or safety of the Fund or its shares.

The BofA Merrill Lynch 1-3 Year US Corporate & Government Index tracks the performance of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment grade debt publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market, including U.S. Treasury, U.S. agency, foreign government, supranational, and corporate securities with a remaining term to final maturity less than three years. You cannot invest directly in an index.

Fund holdings and/or sector allocations are subject to change at any time and are not recommendations to buy or sell any security. Current and future holdings are subject to risk.

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## Investment Philosophy

We employ a fundamental investment process to construct a diversified portfolio of high quality fixed income securities that aim to deliver consistent excess returns (income) with low volatility.

Our bottom-up, fundamental process is combined with robust, top-down risk management tools designed to meet our objectives of principal preservation, liquidity and consistent excess returns over the long term.

We believe:

- Security and sector selection has the potential to pay over time through income
- Liquidity premiums can be exploited
- Interest rate anticipation increases risk (volatility) and must be controlled at all times

## Risk Management

- High quality focus reduces potential credit risk
- Macro risk analysis
- Targeted tracking error
- Sector exposure limits
- Rigorous selection criteria
- Issuer concentration limits
- Continuous value analysis relative to opportunity set
- Independent compliance review
- Multiple levels of review
- Clear accountabilities and cross checks

## Why RBC GAM-US for Short Duration Fixed Income

- RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc. (RBC GAM-US) has more than 30 years of experience in managing short-term fixed income
- The firm has a core competency in managing fixed income assets with the objectives of preserving capital and maximizing income

weights are: 100% three-year rating for 36-59 months of total returns, 60% five-year rating/40% three-year rating for 60-119 months of total returns, and 50% 10-year rating/30% five-year rating/20% three-year rating for 120 or more months of total returns. While the 10-year overall star rating formula seems to give the most weight to the 10-year period, the most recent three-year period actually has the greatest impact because it is included in all three rating periods. The RBC Short Duration Fixed Income Fund was rated against the following numbers of U.S.-domiciled Short-Term Bond funds over the following time periods: 462 funds in the last three years. With respect to these Short-Term Bond funds, the RBC Short Duration Fixed Income Fund received a Morningstar Rating of four stars for the three-year period. The Morningstar Rating is for the I share class only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

*Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. Investments in debt securities typically decrease in value when interest rates rise. This risk is usually greater for longer-term debt securities. The Fund invests in mortgage-related securities including pass-throughs and collateralized mortgage obligations, which include additional risks that an investor should be aware of such as credit risk, prepayment risk, possible illiquidity and default, and increased susceptibility to adverse economic developments. Investments in lower- and non-rated securities present a greater risk of loss to principal and interest than higher-rated securities. The Fund may invest in derivatives, including futures contracts, which involve risks different from and, in certain cases, greater than risks presented by more traditional investments. These risks are described more fully in the prospectus.*

**Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.**

**Before investing, you should consider carefully a fund's investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses. This and other information is in the prospectus, which you can request by visiting <https://us.rbcgam.com/mutual-funds/literature/content/default.js> or calling 800.422.2766. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

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