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We have maintained appropriate procedures and controls to ensure that timely and reliable financial information is produced. The financial statements have been prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") (and they include certain amounts that are based on estimates and judgments). The significant accounting policies, which we believe are appropriate for the ETFs, are described in Note 3 to the financial statements.



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Unaudited Interim Financial Statements

The accompanying interim financial statements have not been reviewed by the external auditors of the ETFs. The external auditors will be auditing the annual financial statements of the ETFs in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards.



SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (unaudited) (in \$000s)
RBC QUANT U.S. EQUITY LEADERS ETF

March 31, 2021

Holdings	Security	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
UNITED STATES EQUITIES				
Communication Services				
136	Activision Blizzard Inc.	\$ 13	\$ 16	
381	Alphabet Inc., Class C	609	991	
5 165	AT&T Inc.	219	197	
153	Charter Communications Inc.	102	119	
2 192	Comcast Corp., Class A	127	149	
728	Discovery Inc., Class A	23	40	
465	DISH Network Corp.	20	21	
728	Electronic Arts Inc.	109	124	
1 516	Facebook Inc., Class A	366	561	
1 372	Fox Corp., Class A	52	62	
869	Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.	28	32	
346	Netflix Inc.	192	227	
3 098	News Corp., Class A	73	99	
244	Take-Two Interactive Software Inc.	46	54	
1 309	The Walt Disney Company	211	304	
3 807	Verizon Communications Inc.	282	278	
		2 472	3 274	11.8
Consumer Discretionary				
293	Amazon.com, Inc.	768	1 139	
17	AutoZone Inc.	26	30	
481	Best Buy Co. Inc.	63	69	
10	Booking Holdings Inc.	25	29	
44	Dollar General Corp.	11	11	
851	eBay Inc.	44	66	
4 357	Ford Motor Company	50	67	
54	General Motors Co.	3	4	
662	Genuine Parts Co.	84	96	
260	Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.	29	40	
1 257	Home Depot Inc.	375	482	
377	L Brands Inc.	21	29	
1 167	Lowe's Cos Inc.	213	279	
484	Marriott International Inc., Class A	66	90	
418	NIKE Inc.	76	70	
129	O'Reilly Automotive Inc.	77	82	
803	Target Corporation	132	200	
502	Tesla Inc.	433	421	
1 294	TJX Cos Inc.	111	108	
		2 607	3 312	12.0
Consumer Staples				
3 327	Altria Group Inc.	181	214	
418	Campbell Soup Company	27	26	
285	Clorox Company	72	69	
1 196	Colgate-Palmolive Company	130	118	
702	Costco Wholesale Corp.	298	311	
96	Estee Lauder Cos Inc.	35	35	
313	General Mills Inc.	25	24	
118	Kellogg Co.	11	9	
102	Kimberly-Clark Corp.	20	18	
821	Monster Beverage Corp.	81	94	
2 314	Philip Morris International Inc.	248	258	

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Consumer Staples (cont.)				
29	Sysco Corp.	\$ 3	\$ 3	
813	The Coca-Cola Co.	54	54	
1 814	The Kroger Co.	77	82	
1 415	The Procter & Gamble Co.	203	241	
398	Tyson Foods Inc.	34	37	
1 049	Walmart Inc.	168	179	
		1 667	1 772	6.4
Energy				
957	Baker Hughes Co.	24	26	
2 071	Chevron Corp.	299	273	
1 591	Devon Energy Corporation	41	44	
260	Diamondback Energy Inc.	22	24	
627	EOG Resources Inc.	61	57	
430	Exxon Mobil Corp.	33	30	
1 197	Halliburton Co.	30	32	
113	HollyFrontier Corp.	6	5	
2 096	Kinder Morgan Inc.	52	44	
1 211	NOV Inc.	20	21	
1 083	Occidental Petroleum Corp.	19	36	
4 790	TechnipFMC Plc.	43	46	
2 371	The Williams Companies Inc.	69	71	
		719	709	2.6
Financials				
703	Aflac Inc.	36	45	
638	Allstate Corp.	103	92	
57	American Express Company	8	10	
91	American International Group Inc.	5	5	
770	Ameriprise Financial Inc.	150	225	
190	Aon Plc.	50	55	
3 345	Bank of America Corp.	124	163	
2 174	Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	116	129	
1 369	Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Class B	372	440	
64	BlackRock Inc.	52	61	
261	Capital One Financial Corp.	39	42	
343	Cboe Global Markets Inc.	40	43	
1 943	Citigroup Inc.	168	178	
505	Citizens Financial Group Inc.	17	28	
149	Comerica Inc.	10	13	
2 049	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	285	392	
679	Lincoln National Corp.	40	53	
846	MetLife Inc.	48	65	
98	Moody's Corp.	33	37	
289	Northern Trust Corp.	35	38	
1 318	People's United Financial Inc.	23	30	
208	PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	30	46	
229	Principal Financial Group Inc.	14	17	
742	Prudential Financial Inc.	83	85	
1 153	Regions Financial Corp.	29	30	
737	S&P Global Inc.	301	327	
742	Synchrony Financial	33	38	
93	T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	17	20	
289	The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	84	119	

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Financials (cont.)				
38	Travelers Cos Inc.	\$ 7	\$ 7	
481	Truist Financial Corp.	34	35	
974	U.S. Bancorp	48	68	
1 265	Unum Group	27	44	
439	Zions Bancorporation	22	30	
		2 483	3 010	10.9
Health Care				
843	Abbott Laboratories	102	127	
51	ABIOMED Inc.	18	20	
161	Agilent Technologies Inc.	26	26	
313	Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	49	60	
12	Align Technology Inc.	9	8	
472	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	63	70	
673	Amgen Inc.	177	210	
317	Anthem Inc.	117	143	
79	Becton Dickinson & Co.	25	24	
159	Biogen Inc.	61	56	
2 899	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	225	230	
2 763	Cardinal Health Inc.	183	211	
697	Cerner Corp.	64	63	
303	Cigna Corp.	83	92	
677	CVS Health Corp.	61	64	
55	Edwards Lifesciences Corp.	6	6	
827	Eli Lilly & Co.	130	194	
370	Gilead Sciences Inc.	32	30	
273	HCA Healthcare Inc.	54	65	
1 031	Hologic Inc.	98	96	
242	Humana Inc.	117	128	
108	Illumina Inc.	50	52	
43	Intuitive Surgical Inc.	35	40	
1 833	Johnson & Johnson	324	378	
667	McKesson Corp.	137	164	
1 593	Merck & Co. Inc.	164	154	
1 301	Pfizer Inc.	60	59	
302	Quest Diagnostics Inc.	47	49	
44	Regeneron Pharmaceutical	35	26	
229	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	127	131	
607	UnitedHealth Group Incorporated	207	284	
800	Universal Health Services Inc., Class B	128	134	
728	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.	225	197	
274	Waters Corp.	97	98	
41	Zoetis Inc.	8	8	
		3 344	3 697	13.3
Industrials				
654	3M Co.	145	158	
181	Caterpillar Inc.	32	53	
637	CSX Corp.	62	77	
283	Cummins Engine Inc.	80	92	
95	Deere & Co.	32	45	
500	Fastenal Co.	31	32	
319	FedEx Corp.	109	114	
1 569	General Electric Company	20	26	
968	Illinois Tool Works Inc.	227	270	
528	J.B. Hunt Transport Services Inc.	81	112	
114	Johnson Controls International Plc.	7	9	

Holdings	Security	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Industrials (cont.)				
104	Kansas City Southern Industries Inc.	\$ 27	\$ 34	
533	Lockheed Martin Corporation	260	248	
1 843	Masco Corp.	119	139	
239	Norfolk Southern Corp.	69	81	
385	Old Dominion Freight Line Inc.	100	116	
600	PACCAR Inc.	72	70	
126	Parker Hannifin Corp.	43	50	
1 299	Quanta Services Inc.	77	144	
657	Robert Half International Inc.	50	64	
202	Rockwell Automation Inc.	49	67	
439	Rollins Inc.	21	19	
940	Smith (A.O.) Corp.	66	80	
108	Snap-on Inc.	25	31	
282	Trane Technologies Plc.	34	59	
726	Union Pacific Corp.	167	201	
805	United Parcel Service Inc.	129	172	
64	United Rentals Inc.	15	26	
		2 149	2 589	9.3
Information Technology				
743	Accenture Plc., Class A	200	258	
278	Adobe Inc.	144	166	
867	Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	98	86	
11 362	Apple Inc.	895	1 743	
450	Applied Materials Inc.	35	76	
106	Arista Networks Inc.	27	40	
514	Automatic Data Processing Inc.	100	122	
109	Broadcom Inc.	54	64	
1 385	Cadence Design Systems Inc.	152	238	
3 855	Cisco Systems Inc.	235	251	
1 171	Citrix Systems Inc.	199	207	
169	Cognizant Technology Solutions Corp., Class A	15	17	
833	Fortinet Inc.	113	193	
1 192	HP Inc.	40	48	
2 416	Intel Corp.	153	194	
628	International Business Machines	97	105	
299	KLA Corp.	96	124	
73	Lam Research Corp.	34	55	
589	Mastercard Inc.	197	264	
970	Maxim Integrated Products	76	111	
5 042	Microsoft Corp.	918	1 494	
196	Nvidia Corp.	77	132	
1 805	Oracle Corporation	131	159	
715	PayPal Holdings Inc.	160	218	
1 422	QUALCOMM Inc.	198	237	
53	Salesforce.com Inc.	18	14	
250	Seagate Technology	19	24	
229	ServiceNow Inc.	167	144	
216	SynOpsys Inc.	42	67	
434	Teradyne Inc.	62	66	
1 308	Texas Instruments Inc.	210	311	
121	Visa Inc., Class A	30	32	
509	Xilinx Inc.	75	79	
		5 067	7 339	26.5

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Holdings	Security	Cost	Fair Value	% of Net Assets
Materials				
413	Corteva Inc.	\$ 14	\$ 24	
1 402	Dow Inc.	89	113	
951	DuPont de Nemours Inc.	84	92	
2 104	Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	76	87	
2 010	International Paper Co.	118	137	
141	Linde Plc.	37	50	
726	Newmont Corp.	53	55	
336	PPG Industries Inc.	51	63	
129	Sherwin-Williams Co.	119	120	
		<u>641</u>	<u>741</u>	<u>2.7</u>
Real Estate				
820	American Tower Corp. Real Estate Investment Trust	235	246	
639	Crown Castle International Corp. Real Estate Investment Trust	135	138	
192	Extra Space Storage Inc.	28	32	
1 445	Iron Mountain Inc. Real Estate Investment Trust	48	67	
402	Kimco Realty Corp.	6	9	
197	Public Storage Inc. Real Estate Investment Trust	58	61	
296	Simon Property Group Inc.	40	42	
3 524	Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.	139	158	
		<u>689</u>	<u>753</u>	<u>2.7</u>
Utilities				
2 016	AES Corp.	54	68	
593	CenterPoint Energy Inc.	16	17	
666	Dominion Energy Inc.	71	64	
291	DTE Energy Co.	46	49	
626	Duke Energy Corp.	72	76	
266	Entergy Corp.	36	33	
315	Evergy Inc.	27	24	
340	Exelon Corp.	19	19	
242	NextEra Energy Inc.	20	23	
608	Public Service Enterprise Group	46	46	
496	Southern Co.	41	39	
		<u>448</u>	<u>458</u>	<u>1.7</u>
TOTAL UNITED STATES EQUITIES		<u>22 286</u>	<u>27 654</u>	<u>99.9</u>
Less: Transaction costs		<u>(2)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		<u>\$ 22 284</u>	<u>27 654</u>	<u>99.9</u>
OTHER NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS			<u>41</u>	<u>0.1</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS		<u>\$ 27 695</u>	<u>100.0</u>	

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Statements of Financial Position (unaudited)

(in \$000s except per unit amounts)

(see note 2 in the generic notes)	March 31 2021	September 30 2020
ASSETS		
Investments at fair value	\$ 27 654	\$ 24 773
Cash	33	47
Dividends receivable, interest accrued and other assets	19	20
TOTAL ASSETS	27 706	24 840
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11	9
TOTAL LIABILITIES EXCLUDING NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS		
	11	9
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS ("NAV")	\$ 27 695	\$ 24 831
Investments at cost	\$ 22 284	\$ 21 157
NAV		
CAD UNITS	\$ 20 309	\$ 19 865
USD UNITS	\$ 7 386	\$ 4 966
NAV PER UNIT		
CAD UNITS	\$ 36.93	\$ 33.11
USD UNITS*	\$ 29.38	\$ 24.79

* Stated in U.S. dollars.

Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)

(in \$000s except per unit amounts)

For the periods ended March 31 (see note 2 in the generic notes)	2021	2020
INCOME (see note 3 in the generic notes)		
Dividends	\$ 211	\$ 271
Income from investment trusts	16	9
Net realized gain (loss) on investments	1 266	591
Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments	1 754	(2 083)
TOTAL NET GAIN (LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS AND DERIVATIVES	3 247	(1 212)
Net gain (loss) on foreign cash balances	(3)	5
TOTAL OTHER INCOME (LOSS)	(3)	5
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	3 244	(1 207)
EXPENSES (see notes – ETF Specific Information)		
Management fees	51	50
Independent Review Committee costs	1	–
GST/HST	6	5
Transaction costs	2	3
Withholding tax	31	39
TOTAL EXPENSES	91	97
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NAV	\$ 3 153	\$ (1 304)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NAV		
CAD UNITS	\$ 2 348	\$ (1 110)
USD UNITS	\$ 805	\$ (194)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NAV PER UNIT		
CAD UNITS	\$ 4.16	\$ (1.59)
USD UNITS*	\$ 3.26	\$ (0.97)

* Stated in U.S. dollars.



Statements of Cash Flow (unaudited) (in \$000s)

For the periods ended March 31 (see note 2 in the generic notes)	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (decrease) in NAV	\$ 3 153	\$ (1 304)
ADJUSTMENTS TO RECONCILE NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATIONS		
Interest for distribution purposes	–	–
Net unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss on cash	–	–
Net realized loss (gain) on investments	(1 266)	(591)
Change in unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(1 754)	2 083
Non-cash dividends	–	–
Non-cash distributions from underlying funds	–	–
(Increase) decrease in accrued receivables	1	2
Increase (decrease) in accrued payables	2	(2)
Cost of investments purchased*	(8 175)	(8 840)
Proceeds from sale and maturity of investments*	8 198	8 866
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	159	214
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from issue of redeemable units*	1	3
Cash paid on redemption of redeemable units*	(2)	(8)
Distributions paid to holders of redeemable units	(172)	(194)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$ (173)	\$ (199)
Net unrealized foreign exchange gain (loss) on cash	–	–
Net increase (decrease) in cash for the period	(14)	15
Cash (bank overdraft), beginning of period	47	27
CASH (BANK OVERDRAFT), END OF PERIOD	\$ 33	\$ 42
Interest received (paid) [†]	\$ –	\$ –
Income from investment trusts received (paid) ^{††}	\$ 16	\$ 9
Dividends received (paid) ^{††}	\$ 181	\$ 234

* Excludes in-kind transactions.

[†] Classified as part of operating activities.

[‡] Net of withholding taxes, if applicable.



Statements of Changes in NAV (unaudited) (in \$000s)

For the periods ended March 31 (see note 2 in the generic notes)	CAD Units		USD Units		Total	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
NAV AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$ 19 865	\$ 22 052	\$ 4 966	\$ 4 411	\$ 24 831	\$ 26 463
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NAV	2 348	(1 110)	805	(194)	3 153	(1 304)
Early redemption fees	–	–	–	–	–	–
Proceeds from redeemable units issued	–	1 563	1 600	–	1 600	1 563
Reinvestments of distributions to holders of redeemable units	165	–	60	–	225	–
Redemption of redeemable units	(1 717)	(4 689)	–	–	(1 717)	(4 689)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) FROM REDEEMABLE UNIT TRANSACTIONS	(1 552)	(3 126)	1 660	–	108	(3 126)
Distributions from net income	(127)	(72)	(45)	(122)	(172)	(194)
Distributions from net gains	(225)	–	–	–	(225)	–
Distributions from capital	–	–	–	–	–	–
TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS TO HOLDERS OF REDEEMABLE UNITS	(352)	(72)	(45)	(122)	(397)	(194)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NAV	444	(4 308)	2 420	(316)	2 864	(4 624)
NAV AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 20 309	\$ 17 744	\$ 7 386	\$ 4 095	\$ 27 695	\$ 21 839



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General information (see note 1 in the generic notes)

The investment objective of the ETF is to provide unitholders with broad exposure to the performance of a diversified portfolio of high-quality U.S. equity securities that have the potential for long-term capital growth.

The closing market price as of March 31, 2021 of CAD Units was 37.03 (September 30, 2020 – 33.03) and of USD Units was 29.49 USD (September 30, 2020 – 24.99 USD).

Financial instrument risk and capital management (see note 5 in the generic notes)

Concentration risk (%)

The table below summarizes the ETF's investment exposure (after consideration of derivative products, if any) as at:

Investment mix	March 31 2021	September 30 2020
United States Equities		
Information Technology	26.5	28.7
Health Care	13.3	13.9
Consumer Discretionary	12.0	11.0
Communication Services	11.8	11.3
Financials	10.9	9.7
Industrials	9.3	8.0
Consumer Staples	6.4	7.2
Real Estate	2.7	2.8
Materials	2.7	2.5
Energy	2.6	2.1
Utilities	1.7	2.6
Other Net Assets	0.1	0.2
Total	100.0	100.0

Currency risk (% of NAV)

The table below summarizes the ETF's net exposure (after hedging, if any) to currency risk as at:

Currency	March 31 2021	September 30 2020
United States dollar	100.0	100.0
Total	100.0	100.0

As at March 31, 2021, if the Canadian dollar had strengthened or weakened by 5% in relation to the above currencies, with all other factors kept constant, the ETF's NAV may have decreased or increased, respectively, by approximately 5.0% (September 30, 2020 – 5.0%). In practice, actual results could differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

Other price risk (% impact on NAV)

In light of current market volatility related to COVID-19, management has applied 10% for other price risk sensitivity.

The table below shows the impact of a 10% change in the broad-based index (noted below) on the ETF's NAV, using a 36-month historical correlation of data of the ETF's return and the index, with all other factors kept constant, as at:

	March 31 2021	September 30 2020
S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD)	+ or - 9.5	+ or - 9.4

Since historical correlation may not be representative of future correlation, actual results could differ from this sensitivity analysis and the difference could be material.

Fair value hierarchy (\$000s except % amounts) (see note 3 in the generic notes)

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020.

March 31, 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities	27 654	–	–	27 654
Underlying funds	–	–	–	–
Fixed-income and debt securities	–	–	–	–
Short-term investments	–	–	–	–
Derivatives – assets	–	–	–	–
Derivatives – liabilities	–	–	–	–
Total financial instruments	27 654	–	–	27 654
% of total portfolio	100.0	–	–	100.0

September 30, 2020	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Equities	24 773	–	–	24 773
Underlying funds	–	–	–	–
Fixed-income and debt securities	–	–	–	–
Short-term investments	–	–	–	–
Derivatives – assets	–	–	–	–
Derivatives – liabilities	–	–	–	–
Total financial instruments	24 773	–	–	24 773
% of total portfolio	100.0	–	–	100.0

For the periods ended March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020, there were no transfers of financial instruments between Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.



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Management fees (see note 9 in the generic notes)

RBC GAM is paid a management fee per annum of the NAV by the ETF as compensation for its services. The management fee of the ETF is calculated at the following annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily NAV of the class of the ETF.

	Management fees
CAD Units	0.39%
USD Units	0.39%

Taxes (\$000s) (see note 7 in the generic notes)

The ETF had no capital or non-capital losses as at the tax-year ended December 2020.

Redeemable units (000s) (see note 6 in the generic notes)

The NAV per unit of each class is derived by dividing the NAV of that class of ETF by the outstanding units of that class at the end of each trading day of the ETF.

For the periods ended March 31
(see note 2 in the generic notes)

	2021	2020
CAD Units		
Opening units	600	750
Issued number of units	–	50
Reinvested number of units	–	–
Units consolidated*	–	–
Redeemed number of units	(50)	(150)
Ending number of units	550	650
USD Units		
Opening units	150	150
Issued number of units	50	–
Reinvested number of units	–	–
Units consolidated*	–	–
Redeemed number of units	–	–
Ending number of units	200	150

* The units of the ETF are consolidated immediately after a distribution is reinvested so that the total number of units outstanding of the ETF after consolidation is the same as before the distribution.

Transaction costs (\$000s except %)

Transaction costs, including brokerage commissions, in consideration of portfolio transactions for the periods ended:

	March 31 2021		March 31 2020	
	\$	%	\$	%
Total transaction costs	2	100	3	100
Related-party brokerage commissions*	–	–	–	–
Commission arrangements [†]	–	–	–	–

* See note 9 in the generic notes.

[†] Commission arrangements are part of commission amounts paid to dealers. The ETF uses commission arrangements (formerly known as “soft dollars”) for research and/or order execution goods and services.

Securities lending revenue (\$000s except %) (see note 8 in the generic notes)

Fair value of securities on loan and collateral received as at:

	March 31 2021	March 31 2020
Fair value of securities loaned	786	786
Fair value of collateral received	802	802

The table below provides a reconciliation of the gross revenue generated from the securities lending transactions of the ETF to the securities lending revenue disclosed in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

	March 31 2021		March 31 2020	
	\$	%	\$	%
Gross revenue	–	100	–	100
RBC IS (paid)	–	(25)	–	(25)
Tax withheld	–	(2)	–	(15)
ETF revenue	–	73	–	60

Investments by other related investment funds (%) (see note 9 in the generic notes)

The table below summarizes, as a percentage, the NAV of the ETF owned by other related investment funds as at:

	March 31 2021	September 30 2020
RBC Quant U.S. Equity Leaders (CAD Hedged) ETF	23.6	22.6
RBC Strategic Global Equity Leaders ETF	–	4.1
Total	23.6	26.7

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1. The ETFs

The RBC ETFs, the exchange-traded funds (“ETF” or “ETFs”), are open-ended mutual fund trusts governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario and governed by a Master Declaration of Trust. RBC GAM is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the ETFs and its head office is located at 155 Wellington Street West, 22nd Floor, Toronto, Ontario. These financial statements were approved for issuance by the Board of Directors of RBC GAM on May 10, 2021.

The units of the ETFs are listed either on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) or on the NEO Exchange (the “NEO Exchange”) as the case may be. The TSX and the NEO Exchange are each referred to herein as the “Exchange.” Investors may purchase or sell units on the applicable Exchange in the same way as other securities listed on the Exchange.

ETF	Exchange Ticker Symbol	Index*
RBC 1-5 Year Laddered Canadian Bond ETF	RLB	Not applicable
RBC 1-5 Year Laddered Corporate Bond ETF	RBO	Not applicable
RBC Target 2021 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQI	FTSE Canada 2021 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Target 2022 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQJ	FTSE Canada 2022 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Target 2023 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQK	FTSE Canada 2023 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Target 2024 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQL	FTSE Canada 2024 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Target 2025 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQN	FTSE Canada 2025 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Target 2026 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQO	FTSE Canada 2026 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Target 2027 Corporate Bond Index ETF	RQP	FTSE Canada 2027 Maturity Corporate Bond Index
RBC Canadian Discount Bond ETF	RCDB	Not applicable
RBC PH&N Short Term Canadian Bond ETF	RPSB	Not applicable
RBC Short Term U.S. Corporate Bond ETF	RUSB RUSB.U	Not applicable
RBC BlueBay Global Diversified Income (CAD Hedged) ETF	RBDI	Not applicable
RBC Canadian Preferred Share ETF	RPF	Not applicable
RBC Quant Canadian Dividend Leaders ETF	RCD	Not applicable

ETF	Exchange Ticker Symbol	Index*
RBC Quant Canadian Equity Leaders ETF	RCE	Not applicable
RBC Vision Women’s Leadership MSCI Canada Index ETF	RLDR	MSCI Canada IMI Women’s Leadership Select Index
RBC Canadian Bank Yield Index ETF	RBNK	Solactive Canada Bank Yield Index
RBC Quant U.S. Dividend Leaders ETF	RUD RUD.U	Not applicable
RBC Quant U.S. Dividend Leaders (CAD Hedged) ETF	RUDH	Not applicable
RBC Quant U.S. Equity Leaders ETF	RUE RUE.U	Not applicable
RBC Quant U.S. Equity Leaders (CAD Hedged) ETF	RUEH	Not applicable
RBC U.S. Banks Yield Index ETF	RUBY RUBY.U	Solactive U.S. Bank Yield NTR Index
RBC U.S. Banks Yield (CAD Hedged) Index ETF	RUBH	Solactive U.S. Bank Yield NTR (CAD Hedged) Index
RBC Quant European Dividend Leaders ETF	RPD RPD.U	Not applicable
RBC Quant European Dividend Leaders (CAD Hedged) ETF	RPDH	Not applicable
RBC Quant EAFE Dividend Leaders ETF	RID RID.U	Not applicable
RBC Quant EAFE Dividend Leaders (CAD Hedged) ETF	RIDH	Not applicable
RBC Quant EAFE Equity Leaders ETF	RIE RIE.U	Not applicable
RBC Quant EAFE Equity Leaders (CAD Hedged) ETF	RIEH	Not applicable
RBC Quant Emerging Markets Dividend Leaders ETF	RXD RXD.U	Not applicable
RBC Quant Emerging Markets Equity Leaders ETF	RXE RXE.U	Not applicable

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2. Financial period

In 2020, the financial year-end of the ETFs was changed from December 31 to September 30. In accordance with regulatory requirements, notice of the change was filed with the authorities concerned.

The information provided in these financial statements and notes thereto is as at March 31, 2021 and September 30, 2020, as applicable, and for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020 and the six-month periods ended March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2020, as applicable, except for ETFs or classes established during either period, in which case the information for the ETF, or class, is provided for the period from the start date as described in the Notes to Financial Statements – ETF Specific Information of the ETF.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) and in accordance with International Accounting Standard (“IAS”) 34 - Interim Financial Reporting, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”). The significant accounting policies of the ETFs are as follows:

Classification and Measurement of Financial Assets, Liabilities and Derivatives Each of the ETFs classifies its investment portfolio based on the business model for managing the portfolio and the contractual cash flow characteristics. The investment portfolio of financial assets and liabilities is managed and performance is evaluated on a fair value basis. The contractual cash flows of the ETFs’ debt securities that are solely principal and interest are neither held for the purpose of collecting contractual cash flows nor held both for collecting contractual cash flows and for sale. The collection of contractual cash flows is only incidental to achieving the ETFs’ business model objectives. Consequently, all investments are measured at fair value through profit and loss (“FVTPL”). Derivative assets and liabilities are also measured at FVTPL.

The ETFs’ obligation for net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units represents a financial liability and is measured at the redemption amount, which approximates fair value as of the reporting date. All other financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost.

Offsetting Financial Assets and Liabilities In the normal course of business, the ETFs may enter into various International Swaps and Derivatives Association master netting agreements or other similar arrangements with

certain counterparties that allow for related amounts to be offset in certain circumstances, such as bankruptcy or termination of contracts. Offsetting information, where applicable, is presented in the Notes to Financial Statements – ETF Specific Information.

Classification of Redeemable Units The ETFs’ redeemable units, which qualify as puttable instruments as required by IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation, are held by different types of unitholders that are entitled to different redemption rights. See Note 6 for details. Unitholders may redeem their units for cash at a reduced redemption price on trading day or they may sell units at full market price on the applicable exchange. As a result, the ETFs’ outstanding redeemable units are classified as financial liabilities.

Unconsolidated Structured Entities The ETFs may invest in other Funds and ETFs managed by the manager or an affiliate of the manager (“sponsored funds”) and may invest in other funds and ETFs managed by unaffiliated entities (“unsponsored funds”); collectively, “underlying funds.” The underlying funds are determined to be unconsolidated structured entities, as decision making in the underlying fund is not governed by the voting rights or other similar rights held by the ETF. The investments in underlying funds are subject to the terms and conditions of the offering documents of the respective underlying funds and are susceptible to market price risk arising from uncertainties about future values of those underlying funds. The underlying funds’ objectives are generally to achieve long-term capital appreciation and/or current income by investing in a portfolio of securities and other funds in line with each of their documented investment strategies. The underlying funds apply various investment strategies to accomplish their respective investment objectives.

The underlying funds finance their operations by issuing redeemable units which are puttable at the unitholder’s option, and entitle the unitholder to a proportional stake in the respective underlying funds’ NAV.

The ETFs do not consolidate their investment in underlying funds but account for these investments at fair value. The manager has determined that the ETFs are investment entities in accordance with IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, since the ETFs meet the following criteria:

- (i) The ETFs obtain capital from one or more investors for the purpose of providing those investors with investment management services,

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- (ii) The ETFs commit to their investors that their business purpose is to invest funds solely for the returns from capital appreciation, investment income or both, and
- (iii) The ETFs measure and evaluate the performance of substantially all of their investments on a fair value basis.

Therefore, the fair value of investments in the underlying funds is included in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio and included in “Investments at fair value” in the ETFs’ Statements of Financial Position. The change in fair value of the investment held in the underlying funds is included in “Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Certain ETFs may invest in mortgage-related or other asset-backed securities. These securities include commercial mortgage-backed securities, asset-backed securities, collateralized debt obligations and other securities that directly or indirectly represent a participation in, or are securitized by and payable from, mortgage loans on real property. Mortgage-related securities are created from pools of residential or commercial mortgage loans while asset-backed securities are created from many types of assets, including auto loans, credit card receivables, home equity loans and student loans. The ETFs account for these investments at fair value. The fair value of such securities, as disclosed in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio, represents the maximum exposure to losses at that date.

Determination of Fair Value The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount at which the financial instrument could be exchanged in an arm’s-length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties under no compulsion to act. In determining fair value, a three-tier hierarchy based on inputs is used to value the ETFs’ financial instruments. The hierarchy of inputs is summarized below:

Level 1 – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices), including broker quotes, vendor prices and vendor fair value factors; and

Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

Changes in valuation methods may result in transfers into or out of an investment’s assigned level.

Investments and derivatives are recorded at fair value, which is determined as follows:

Equities – Common shares and preferred shares are valued at the closing price recorded by the security exchange on which the security is principally traded. In circumstances where the closing price is not within the bid-ask spread, management will determine the points within the bid-ask spread that are most representative of the fair value.

Fixed-Income and Debt Securities – Bonds, mortgage-backed securities and other debt securities are valued at the mid price quoted by major dealers or independent pricing vendors in such securities.

Short-Term Investments – Short-term investments are valued at cost plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value.

Warrants – Warrants are valued using a recognized option pricing model, which includes factors such as the terms of the warrant, time value of money and volatility inputs that are significant to such valuation.

Forward Contracts – Forward contracts are valued at the gain or loss that would arise as a result of closing the position at the valuation date. The receivable/payable on forward contracts is recorded separately in the Statements of Financial Position. Any unrealized gain or loss at the close of business on each valuation date is recorded as “Change in unrealized gain (loss) on investments” and realized gain or loss on foreign exchange contracts is included in “Derivative income” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Futures Contracts – Futures contracts entered into by the ETFs are financial agreements to purchase or sell a financial instrument at a contracted price on a specified future date. However, the ETFs do not intend to purchase or sell the financial instrument on the settlement date; rather, they intend to close out each futures contract before settlement by entering into equal, but offsetting, futures contracts. Futures contracts are valued at the gain or loss that would arise as a result of closing the position at the valuation date. Any gain or loss at the close of business on each valuation date is recorded as “Derivative income” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. The receivable/payable on futures contracts is recorded separately in the Statements of Financial Position.

Underlying Funds – Underlying funds that are not exchange-traded funds are valued at their respective NAV per unit from fund companies on the relevant valuation dates

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and underlying funds that are exchange-traded funds are valued at market close on the relevant valuation dates.

Fair Valuation of Investments – The ETFs have procedures to determine the fair value of securities and other financial instruments for which market prices are not readily available or which may not be reliably priced. Procedures are in place to determine the fair value of foreign securities traded in countries outside of North America daily to avoid stale prices and to take into account, among other things, any significant events occurring after the close of a foreign market.

Management also has procedures where the ETFs primarily employ a market-based approach, which may use related or comparable assets or liabilities, NAV per unit (for exchange-traded funds), recent transactions, market multiples, book values and other relevant information for the investment to determine its fair value. The ETFs may also use an income-based valuation approach in which the anticipated future cash flows of the investment are discounted to calculate fair value. Discounts may also be applied due to the nature or duration of any restrictions on the disposition of the investments, but only if they arise as a feature of the instrument itself. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuations of such investments, the fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had an active market existed.

All security valuation techniques are periodically reviewed by the Valuation Committee (“VC”) of the manager and are approved by the manager. The VC provides oversight of the ETFs’ valuation policies and procedures.

Cash Cash is comprised of cash and deposits with banks and is recorded at amortized cost. The carrying amount of cash approximates its fair value because it is short term in nature.

Margin Margin accounts represent margin deposits held with brokers in respect of derivatives contracts.

Functional Currency The ETFs have their subscriptions, redemptions and performance primarily denominated in Canadian dollars and, consequently, the Canadian dollar is the functional currency for the ETFs.

Foreign Exchange The value of investments and other assets and liabilities in foreign currencies is translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange on each valuation date. Gains/losses on foreign cash balances are included in “Net gain (loss) on foreign cash balances” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income. Purchases and sales

of investments, income and expenses are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Realized foreign exchange gains/losses on spot and forward currency contracts are included in “Derivative income” in the Statements of Comprehensive Income.

Investment Transactions Investment transactions are accounted for as of the trade date. Transaction costs, such as brokerage commissions, incurred by the ETFs are recorded in the Statements of Comprehensive Income for the period. The unrealized gain and loss on investments is the difference between fair value and average cost for the period. The basis of determining the cost of portfolio assets, and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments, is average cost which does not include amortization of premiums or discounts on fixed-income and debt securities with the exception of zero coupon bonds.

Income Recognition Dividend income is recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest for distribution purposes is coupon interest recognized on an accrual basis and/or imputed interest on zero coupon bonds. “Income from investment trusts” includes income from ETFs and income trusts.

Valuation of Series A different NAV is calculated for each series of Units of an ETF. The NAV of a particular series of Units is computed by calculating the value of the series’ proportionate share of the assets and liabilities of the ETF common to all series less the liabilities of the ETF attributable only to that series. Expenses directly attributable to a series are charged to that series. Other expenses are allocated proportionately to each series based upon the relative NAV of each series. Expenses are accrued daily.

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit Increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units per unit in the Statements of Comprehensive Income represents the increase (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable units, divided by the average units outstanding during the period.

Foreign Currencies The following is a list of abbreviations used in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio:

AUD – Australian dollar	HKD – Hong Kong dollar
CAD – Canadian dollar	JPY – Japanese yen
CHF – Swiss franc	NOK – Norwegian krone
DKK – Danish krone	SEK – Swedish krona
EUR – Euro	SGD – Singapore dollar
GBP – Pound sterling	USD – United States dollar

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4. Critical accounting judgments and estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of judgment in applying the ETFs' accounting policies and making estimates and assumptions about the future. There were no critical accounting judgments and estimates made to prepare these financial statements.

5. Financial instrument risk and capital management

RBC GAM is responsible for managing each ETF's capital, which is its NAV and consists primarily of its financial instruments.

An ETF's investment activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. RBC GAM seeks to minimize potential adverse effects of these risks on an ETF's performance by employing professional, experienced portfolio managers, daily monitoring of the ETF's holdings and market events and diversifying its investment portfolio within the constraints of its investment objectives. To assist in managing risks, RBC GAM also uses internal guidelines, maintains a governance structure that oversees each ETF's investment activities and monitors compliance with the ETF's investment strategies, internal guidelines and securities regulations.

The financial markets experienced significant volatility as a result of the developing COVID-19 global pandemic. The effects of the pandemic and its impact on individual companies, nations and the market in general can not necessarily be foreseen at the present time and may have an adverse impact on the financial performance of the ETFs. The impact of the pandemic may be short-term or may last for an extended period of time.

Financial instrument risk, as applicable to an ETF, is disclosed in its Notes to Financial Statements – ETF Specific Information. These risks include an ETF's direct risks and pro rata exposure to the risks of underlying funds, as applicable.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the possibility that investments in an ETF cannot be readily converted into cash when required. An ETF is exposed to liquidity risk to the extent that it is subject to daily redemptions of redeemable units. Since the delivery of redemptions is in the form of securities, an ETF is not exposed to any significant liquidity risk. Liquidity risk is managed by investing the majority of an ETF's assets in investments that are traded in an active market and that can be readily disposed. In accordance with securities regulation, an ETF must maintain at least 90% of its assets in liquid investments.

In addition, an ETF aims to retain sufficient cash and cash equivalent positions to maintain liquidity, and has the ability to borrow up to 5% of its NAV. All non-derivative financial liabilities, other than redeemable units, are due within 90 days.

Any securities deemed to be illiquid are identified in the Schedule of Investment Portfolio.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a loss could arise from a security issuer or counterparty not being able to meet its financial obligations. The carrying amount of investments and other assets represents the maximum credit risk exposure as disclosed in an ETF's Statements of Financial Position. The ETFs measure credit risk and expected credit losses using probability of default, exposure at default and loss given default. Management considers both historical analysis and forward-looking information in determining any expected credit loss. All other receivables, amounts due from brokers, cash and short-term deposits are held with counterparties with a credit rating of AA/Aa or higher. Management considers the probability of default to be close to zero as the counterparties have a strong capacity to meet their contractual obligations in the near term. As a result, no loss allowance has been recognized based on 12-month expected credit losses as any such impairment would be wholly insignificant to the ETFs. The fair value of fixed-income securities includes a consideration of the creditworthiness of the debt issuer. Credit risk exposure is mitigated for those ETFs participating in a securities lending program (see note 8). RBC GAM monitors each ETF's credit exposure and counterparty ratings daily. Rating data is provided by the Licensor Parties.

Concentration risk

Concentration risk arises as a result of net financial instrument exposures to the same category, such as geographical region, asset type, industry sector or market segment. Financial instruments in the same category have similar characteristics and may be affected similarly by changes in economic or other conditions.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of an ETF's interest-bearing investments will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates. The value of fixed-income and debt securities, such as bonds, is affected by interest rates. Generally, the value of these securities increases if interest rates fall and decreases if interest rates rise.

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Securities with a stated maturity date beyond the target maturity year of the ETF have an effective maturity date in the target year of the ETF, as determined with the rules based on methodology developed by the Licensor Parties.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the value of investments denominated in currencies, other than the functional currency of a Fund, will fluctuate due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The value of investments denominated in a currency other than the functional currency is affected by changes in the value of the functional currency in relation to the value of the currency in which the investment is denominated. When the value of the functional currency falls in relation to foreign currencies, then the value of the foreign investments rises. When the value of the functional currency rises, the value of the foreign investments falls. The currency risk as disclosed in the ETF Specific Information in the Notes to Financial Statements represents the monetary and non-monetary foreign exchange exposure of an ETF.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the value of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate or currency risk), whether caused by factors specific to an individual investment, its issuer, or all factors affecting all instruments traded in a market or market segment.

6. Redeemable units

The beneficial interest in the ETFs is divided into equal interests of each class referred to as outstanding units. Each ETF is authorized to issue an unlimited number of redeemable and transferable units in each class, each of which represents an equal, undivided interest in the net asset value of that class of the ETF. Each unit outstanding shall participate pro rata in any distributions made, other than management fee distributions, and in the event of termination of the ETF, in the net assets of that class of the ETF.

On any trading day, an underwriter or designated broker may place a subscription or redemption order for an integral multiple of the prescribed number of units of an ETF. If the order is accepted, the ETF will issue or redeem units to or from the underwriter or designated broker within two trading days thereafter. For each prescribed number of units issued or redeemed, the underwriter or designated broker must deliver or receive payment consisting of:

- a) a basket of applicable securities for each prescribed number of units; and
- b) cash in an amount sufficient so that the value of the basket of the applicable securities and cash delivered is equal to the net asset value of the prescribed number of units plus the distribution price adjustment, if applicable, of that class of the ETF.

A trading day is each day on which the TSX and/or the NEO Exchange is open for trading.

A unitholder is entitled on any trading day to redeem units for cash at a redemption price of 95% of net asset value per unit of that class of the ETF's units at the next valuation following receipt of the cash redemption request. Unitholders will generally be able to sell (rather than redeem) units at the full market price on the TSX or the NEO Exchange, as the case may be, through a registered broker or dealer subject only to customary brokerage commissions. To be effective on a particular trading day, a cash redemption request must be received by such time as RBC GAM may, from time to time, determine on that trading day. If a cash redemption request is received later than the prescribed time on a trading day or a day which is not a trading day, the cash redemption request shall be deemed to be received as of the next trading day.

The NAV per unit of each class is derived by dividing the NAV of that class of ETF by the outstanding units of that class at the end of each trading day of the ETF. The capital of the ETFs is managed in accordance with the investment objective as outlined in the Prospectus.

7. Taxes

The ETFs qualify as "mutual fund trusts" or "unit trusts" as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). In general, the ETFs are subject to income tax; however, no income tax is payable on net income and/or net realized capital gains which are distributed to unitholders. Since the ETFs do not record income taxes, the tax benefit of capital and non-capital losses has not been reflected in the Statements of Financial Position as a deferred income tax asset. In addition, for mutual fund trusts, income taxes payable on net realized capital gains are refundable on a formula basis when units of the ETFs are redeemed. It is the intention of the ETFs to pay out all net income and realized capital gains each year so that the ETFs will not be subject to income taxes. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is recorded.

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Net investment income and capital gains are distributable to the unitholders in amounts determined under the provisions of the Declaration of Trust on a monthly or quarterly basis. All distributions, other than management fee distributions, shall be credited to the unitholder pro rata in accordance with the number of units held by them on record date of the distribution. Reinvested distributions will be automatically reinvested in additional units of the applicable class of the RBC ETF at a price equal to the net asset value per unit of the applicable class of the RBC ETF. The units of that class will be immediately consolidated such that the number of outstanding units of the applicable class following the distribution will equal the number of units of the applicable class outstanding prior to the distribution. Management fee distributions shall be credited to the unitholder entitled thereto.

Capital losses are available to be carried forward indefinitely and applied against future capital gains. Non-capital losses may be carried forward to reduce future taxable income for up to 20 years.

8. Securities lending revenue

Certain of the ETFs lend portfolio securities from time to time in order to earn additional income. Income from securities lending is included in the Statements of Comprehensive Income of the ETF. Each ETF will have entered into a securities lending agreement with its custodian, RBC Investor Services Trust ("RBC IS"). The aggregate market value of all securities loaned by an ETF cannot exceed 50% of the assets of an ETF. The ETF receives collateral, with an approved credit rating of at least A, of at least 102% of the value of the securities on loan. The ETF is indemnified by RBC IS for any collateral credit or market loss. As such, the credit risk associated with securities lending is considered minimal.

9. Administrative and other related-party transactions

Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Manager

RBC GAM is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada ("Royal Bank"). RBC GAM is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the ETFs. RBC GAM is responsible for the ETFs' day-to-day operations, holds title to the ETFs' property on behalf of its unitholders, provides investment advice and portfolio management services to the ETFs and appoints underwriters or designated brokers for the ETFs. RBC GAM is paid a management fee by the

ETFs as compensation for its services. The management fee is calculated and accrued on a daily basis and is based on a percentage of the NAV of the class of the ETF. The fee plus applicable taxes are accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears.

RBC GAM in turn pays certain operating expenses of the ETFs. These expenses include regulatory filing fees and other day-to-day operating expenses including, but not limited to, recordkeeping, accounting and fund valuation costs, custody fees, audit and legal fees and the cost of preparing and distributing annual and interim reports, prospectuses and investor communications. The ETFs also pay certain operating expenses directly, including the costs related to the Independent Review Committee of the ETFs and the cost of any new government or regulatory requirements introduced and any borrowing costs (collectively, "other fund costs"), and taxes (including, but not limited to, GST/HST). Effective January 1, 2020, RBC GAM, not the ETFs, will be responsible for the costs related to annual fees, meeting fees and reimbursement for expenses to members of the Independent Review Committee. The ETFs will continue to be responsible for paying any Independent Review Committee costs that are not related to annual fees, meeting fees and reimbursement for expenses to members of the Independent Review Committee.

Certain ETFs may invest in units of other Funds managed by RBC GAM or its affiliates ("underlying funds"). To the extent an ETF invests in underlying funds managed by RBC GAM or its affiliates, the fees and expenses payable by the underlying funds are in addition to the fees and expenses payable by the ETF. However, an ETF may only invest in one or more underlying funds provided that no management fees or incentive fees are payable that would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund for the same service. The ETF's ownership interest in underlying funds is disclosed in the Notes to Financial Statements – ETF Specific Information. The fees and expenses payable by the underlying funds are in addition to the fees and expenses payable by the ETF.

RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the ETFs, such as banking, brokerage, securities lending, foreign exchange and derivatives transactions. RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between ETFs denominated in different currencies. The ETFs also maintain bank accounts and overdraft provisions with Royal Bank for which Royal Bank

may earn a fee. Affiliates of RBC GAM that provide services to the ETFs in the course of their normal business, all of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Royal Bank of Canada, are discussed below.

Sub-Advisors

RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc. is the sub-advisor for:

RBC Short Term U.S. Corporate Bond ETF

BlueBay Asset Management LLP is the sub-advisor for:

RBC BlueBay Global Diversified Income (CAD Hedged) ETF

The sub-advisors earn a fee which is calculated and accrued on a daily basis and is based on a percentage of the NAV of the class of the ETF. The sub-advisors are paid by the manager from the management fee paid by the ETFs.

Custodian and Valuation Agent

RBC IS is the custodian and valuation agent for the ETFs. RBC IS is responsible for certain aspects of day-to-day administration including holding the assets and the daily calculation of the net asset value of the ETFs. RBC IS earns a variable fee based on the value of assets under custody and a fixed fee for other valuation and administrative services.

Designated Broker and Authorized Dealer

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. is a designated broker and/or an authorized dealer for the ETFs. As such, RBC Dominion Securities Inc. may subscribe or redeem units of the ETFs.

Brokers and Dealers

The ETFs have established or may establish standard brokerage agreements and dealing agreements at market rates with related parties such as RBC Dominion Securities Inc., RBC Capital Markets, LLC, RBC Europe Limited, NBC Securities Inc. and Royal Bank of Canada.

Securities Lending Agent

To the extent an ETF may engage in securities lending transactions, RBC IS may act as the ETF's securities lending agent. Any revenue earned on such securities lending is split between the ETF and the securities lending agent.

Other Related-Party Transactions

Pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the ETFs relied on the standing instructions from the Independent Review Committee with respect to the following related-party transactions:

Related-Party Trading Activities

- (a) trades in securities of Royal Bank;
- (b) investments in the securities of issuers for which a related-party dealer acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the conclusion of such distribution of the underwritten securities to the public; and
- (c) purchases of debt securities from or sales of debt securities to a related-party dealer, where it acted as principal.

The applicable standing instructions require that Related-Party Trading Activities be conducted in accordance with RBC GAM policy and that RBC GAM advise the Independent Review Committee of a material breach of any standing instruction. RBC GAM policy requires that an investment decision in respect of Related-Party Trading Activities (i) is made free from any influence of Royal Bank or its associates or affiliates and without taking into account any consideration relevant to Royal Bank or its affiliates or associates, (ii) represents the business judgment of the portfolio manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the ETFs, (iii) is in compliance with RBC GAM policies and procedures, and (iv) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the ETFs.