



# RBC U.S. Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing in equity securities of U.S. companies to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in the U.S. market.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF263
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF804
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF704
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF132
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF440

Inception Date	July 1966
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	1,961.0
Series A NAV \$	31.19
Series A MER %	1.94
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	US Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

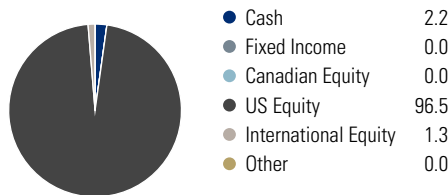
## Notes

Please note the "Since Inception" rate of return includes data from October 1972 only.

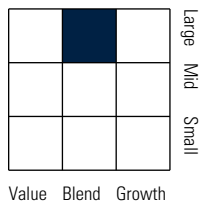
This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective November 27, 2015.

## Portfolio Analysis as of October 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.8
P/E Ratio	21.3
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	143.0

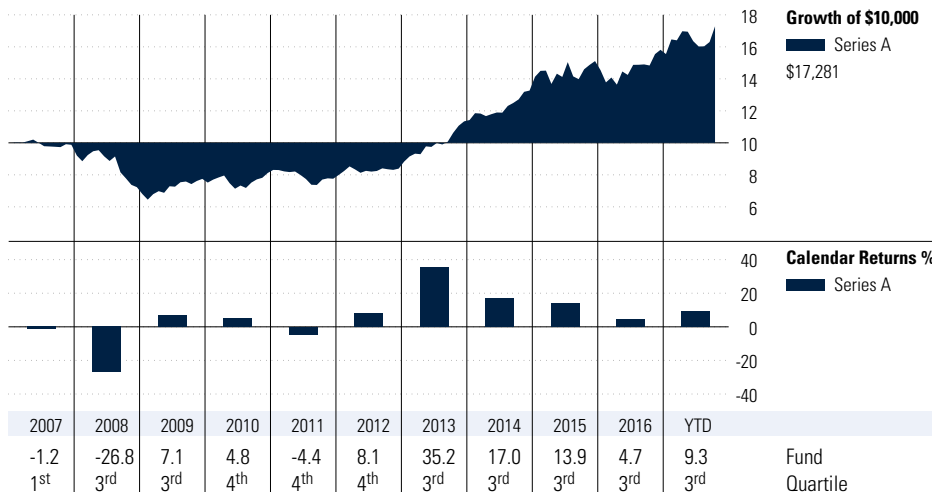
### Top 10 Holdings

Company	% Assets
Apple Inc	4.3
Microsoft Corp	3.2
Alphabet Inc A	2.8
Amazon.com Inc	2.5
Bank of America Corporation	2.4
Johnson & Johnson	2.3
Citigroup Inc	2.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co	2.1
Chevron Corp	2.1
Facebook Inc A	1.9
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	25.9
Total Number of Stock Holdings	2,335
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	11
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>2,346</b>

### Global Equity Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Information Technology	26.6
Financials	16.1
Health Care	14.0
Consumer Discretionary	10.4
Industrials	9.4
Energy	6.7
Consumer Staples	6.5
Utilities	3.7
Real Estate	3.2
Telecommunication Services	2.0
Materials	1.3
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of October 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
6.0 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.9 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.8 3 <sup>rd</sup>	16.5 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.8 3 <sup>rd</sup>	15.7 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5.9 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.3	Fund Quartile
1405	1385	1375	1310	874	527	246	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Brad Willock

#### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Brad Willock joined RBC in May 1996 and RBC Global Asset Management in July 2002. In his current role, he is responsible for core and income-oriented U.S. equity mandates. Brad has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Science, and is a CFA charterholder.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of October 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	—	6.72	3.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	0.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	5.97	3.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	7-1997	50.0	11-1997	25.5	3-2000	21.2	10-2002	8.0
Worst	9-2001	-30.8	3-2003	-16.9	8-2005	-8.8	8-2010	-6.4
Average		7.0		7.2		6.5		2.8
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		72.3		69.8		54.8		69.6

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The U.S. stock market made progress again this past quarter. Strong performances from the Information Technology, Energy and Telecommunication Services sectors powered the advance, while the Consumer Discretionary and Consumer Staples sectors were detractors.

The S&P 500 (CAD) is up since the November election, but corporate fundamentals rather than politics have been the driving force for the market. After three years of essentially flat earnings, the S&P 500 is expected to generate roughly 10% earnings growth in 2017. Our indicators suggest that the odds of a recession remain fairly low, but the risks of a correction have increased.

During the quarter, security selection in Industrials and Materials aided returns. Strong returns from overweight position, Boeing in the Industrials sector boosted relative returns as the company has been cutting its costs in an effort to improve profit and cash flow. In Materials, LyondellBasell

announced expansion plans, which boosted returns for the Fund's overweight position.

Conversely, security selection in Health Care was a detractor. Drug distributors, including overweight position Cardinal Health have been a drag, in part to generic drug pricing pressure.

Stocks continue to be supported by a global synchronized expansion and renewed corporate-profit growth around the world. With many equity markets at or near all-time highs, investors are rightly concerned about the sustainability of the bull market in equities. While stocks are not as cheap as they were when the cycle began, they remain somewhat attractive. Markets have benefited from rising earnings and price-to-earnings ratios through this bull market, but earnings rather than valuations may now be the force needed to propel the market higher.



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Adjusted MER is provided for funds with management fee changes effective June 30, 2016. The Adjusted MER represents what the reported MER would have been had management fee changes been in effect throughout 2016.

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