

# **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 I      | Details                                 |                                     |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Series<br>A | Load Structure<br>No Load               | Currency<br>CAD                     | Fund Code<br>RBF263 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adv         | Deferred Sales                          | CAD                                 | RBF804              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adv         | Front End                               | CAD                                 | RBF704              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Adv<br>T5   | Low Load<br>No Load                     | CAD                                 | RBF132<br>RBF440    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10          |   |                                     |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total F     | on Date<br>und Assets \$Mil<br>A NAV \$ | July 1966<br>2,101.9<br>33.45       |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Series      | A MER %                                 | 1.94                                |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Benchr      | nark                                    | S&P 500 Total Return<br>Index (C\$) |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income      | Distribution                            | Annually                            |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital     | Gains Distribution                      | Annually                            |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sales S     | Status                                  | Open                                |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|             | vestment \$                             | 500                                 |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subsec      | quent Investment \$                     | 25                                  |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fund C      | ategory                                 | US Equity                           |                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Manag       | ement Company                           | RBC Global Asset                    |                     |  |  |  |  |  |

#### **Notes**

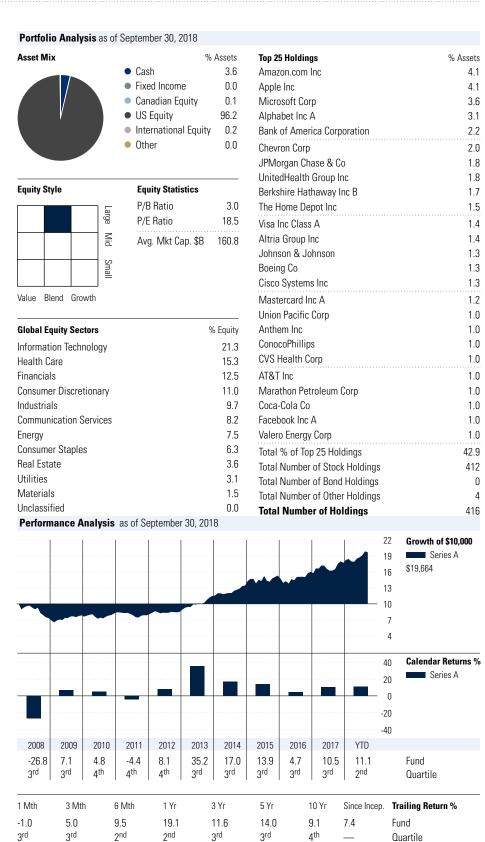
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Please note the "Since Inception" rate of return includes data from October 1972 only.

Management Inc.

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



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939

649

266

No. of Funds in Category

1459

1424



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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 September 30, 2018 |        |       |      |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |  |  |
|--|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|--|--|
| Distributions (\$)/Unit                              | YTD*   | 2017  | 2016 | 2015  | 2014  | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008  |  |  |
| Total Distributions                                  | _      | 1.47  | _    | 6.72  | 3.50  | _    | _    | _    | _    | _    | _     |  |  |
| Interest   | _      | _     | _    | 0.75  | _     | _    | _    | _    | _    | _    | _     |  |  |
| Dividends  | _      | _     | _    | _     | _     | _    | _    | _    | _    | _    | _     |  |  |
| Capital Gains  | _      | 1.47  | _    | 5.97  | 3.50  | _    | _    | _    | _    | _    | _     |  |  |
| Return Of Capital                                    | _      | _     | _    | _     | _     | _    | _    | _    | _    | _    | _     |  |  |
| Best/Worst Periods %                                 | Ended  | 1 Y   | ′r   | Ended | 3 Yr  | E    | nded | 5 Yr | En   | ded  | 10 Yr |  |  |
| Best   | 7-1997 | 50.0  | 0 11 | -1997 | 25.5  | 3-2  | 2000 | 21.2 | 9-20 | )18  | 9.1   |  |  |
| Worst  | 9-2001 | -30.8 | 8 3  | -2003 | -16.9 | 8-2  | 2005 | -8.8 | 8-20 | 010  | -6.4  |  |  |
| Average  |        | 7.    | 0    |       | 7.1   |      |      | 6.3  |      |      | 2.8   |  |  |
| No. of Periods                                       |        | 28    | 9    |       | 265   |      |      | 241  |      |      | 181   |  |  |
| Pct. Positive  |        | 72.   | 3    |       | 69.8  |      |      | 54.8 |      |      | 69.6  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2018

U.S. equity markets generally outperformed the rest of the world again in the third quarter. The U. S. recorded impressive gains with soaring business and consumer confidence and corporate profit growth fueling the ascent.

Bolstered by large-scale tax cuts and increased government spending, the U.S. economy has accelerated to its fastest growth rate in four years. We continue to believe that the speed limit for developed-world growth has increased since the global financial crisis as confidence among businesses and consumers has been restored.

Security selection was strong in Q3, the largest driver being an overweight to CVS Health. CVS Health had a strong second quarter earnings beat, and its merger with Aetna should create a formidable presence in the Health Care segment. An overweight in Apple was also a boost, as they continue to drive solid earnings from device sales.

Conversely, our position in the RBC U.S. Mid-Cap Value Equity Fund detracted this quarter, as investors favoured growth over value and the Fund's performance came in below benchmark. A position in multi-national chemical company LyondellBasell also detracted in Q3. LydondellBasell is leveraged to commodity chemical pricing, primarily ethylene and polyethylene. Ethylene prices have been pressured by new capacity and increasing costs for feedstock, namely ethane.

Our analysis of a variety of scenarios suggests that stocks can deliver decent upside with reasonable assumptions, as long as earnings continue to come through as analysts expect. We recognize, however, that given the late stage in the business cycle and the fact that valuations are above equilibrium, earnings growth is now critical to sustaining the bull market in stocks.



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