



# RBC North American Growth Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of Canadian and/or U.S. companies that offer above-average prospects for growth.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF265
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF858
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF767
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF131

Inception Date	January 1993
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	542.7
Series A NAV \$	33.86
Series A MER %	2.00
Series A Adjusted MER %	1.92
Benchmark	50% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index 50% 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	Canadian Focused Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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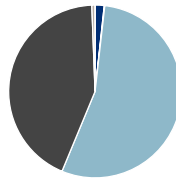
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## Notes

The investment objective and name changed July 4, 2006. Fund was previously known as RBC Canadian Growth Fund.

## Portfolio Analysis as of May 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

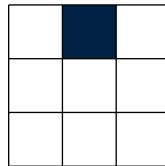


	% Assets
Cash	1.7
Fixed Income	0.1
Canadian Equity	54.4
US Equity	43.1
International Equity	0.6
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Royal Bank of Canada	4.5
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	3.4
Canadian National Railway Co	3.2
Bank of Nova Scotia	3.1
Suncor Energy Inc	2.4
Enbridge Inc	2.2
Bank of Montreal	1.9
Apple Inc	1.6
TransCanada Corp	1.6
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	1.5
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	25.4
Total Number of Stock Holdings	394
Total Number of Bond Holdings	1
Total Number of Other Holdings	3
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>398</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

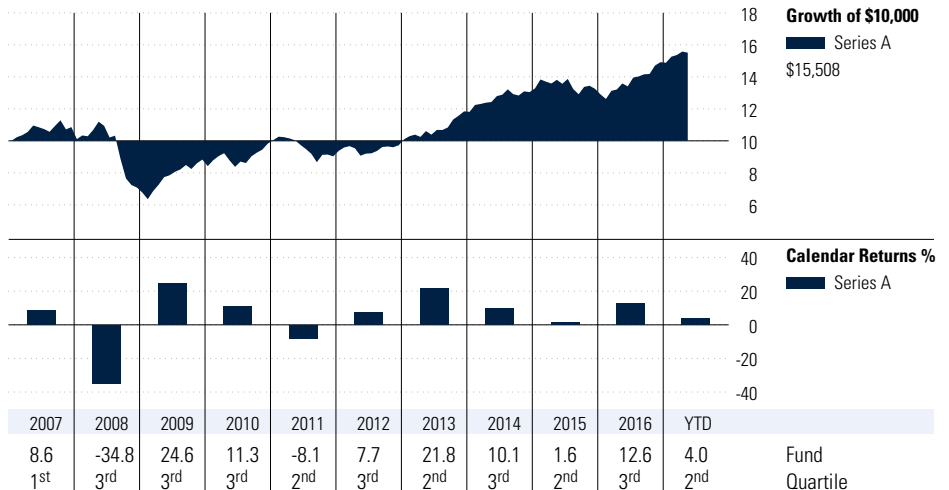
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.1
P/E Ratio	17.8
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	51.3

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	26.2
Energy	14.9
Information Technology	12.7
Industrials	10.1
Consumer Discretionary	9.0
Materials	7.5
Consumer Staples	5.9
Health Care	5.8
Telecommunication Services	3.5
Utilities	2.2
Real Estate	2.1
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of May 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
-0.5	1.6	5.4	14.2	7.7	11.3	3.5	8.0	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	Quartile
732	725	721	679	530	360	183	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Warner Sulz

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Warner Sulz is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Canadian Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1986.

#### Rob Cavallo

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Rob is a Portfolio Manager with the North American equities team. Rob joined the firm in 2012 as a Global equities analyst with a focus on analyzing companies within the Health Care and Consumer sectors. Rob earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Toronto and is a CFA charterholder.

#### Marcello Montanari

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Marcello Montanari is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, North American Equities. Marcello began his career in the investment industry in 1992. He earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree in finance from Concordia University and is a CFA charterholder.

#### David Tron

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

David Tron is an Associate Portfolio Manager and North American Equity analyst. He is responsible for providing research on the North American Technology sector. David is a CFA charterholder.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	0.56	1.26	0.70	0.53	0.34	—	0.33	0.59	—	0.16
Interest	—	—	—	—	0.15	0.05	—	—	0.34	—	—
Dividends	—	0.52	0.08	0.30	0.38	0.28	—	0.33	0.25	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.05	1.18	0.40	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.16
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

### Best/Worst Periods %

	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	2-2000	53.4	3-2006	27.9	10-2007	20.8	8-2008	11.6
Worst	2-2009	-38.6	2-2009	-10.7	5-2012	-3.7	4-2016	3.4
Average		8.3		7.8		7.3		6.9
No. of Periods		281		257		233		173
Pct. Positive		71.5		82.1		87.1		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

Since the election, the S&P 500 is up almost 12% and while some of the market's advance must be attributed to the anticipation of pro-growth policy action, the fundamentals are also doing their part to drive the market higher. Surveys of U.S. economic activity are at a six-year high and the new-orders and inventory components indicate that production should keep improving.

Energy dragged down U.S. and Canadian market performance, due to weakness in oil prices in March, concern about OPEC compliance discipline, and a rising rig count in the U.S. Seasonally weaker demand also did not help to ease investor uneasiness in the volatile sector. Overweight exposure to the sector within Canada, along with security selection weighed on returns for the quarter, while underweight Energy exposure in the U.S. boosted returns. Within Canada, the off-benchmark holding of Cardinal Energy weighed on returns, although the company's stable outlook continues to make the stock attractive.

Within the U.S., an underweight Telecommunication Services and overweight Comcast and Charter Communications aided returns. It remains a mystery to the managers why S&P continues to keep Cable Companies in the Media sector instead of the Telecommunication Services sector. The managers treat them as a group and the preference for Cable was beneficial to performance as the S&P-defined Telecommunications sector was the only other sector that was negative during the quarter. The underweight positions in Verizon Communications and AT&T benefitted the Fund as the companies continue to deal with increasing competitiveness and pricing pressure in the cellular market. Security selection in the Canadian Real Estate market boosted returns during the quarter, where overweight exposure to Milestone Apartments REIT contributed to the Fund.



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