



# RBC International Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies outside of North America. The fund provides exposure to economies that offer different business cycles and growth opportunities than North American markets.

## Fund Details

| Series | Load Structure | Currency | Fund Code |
|--------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| A      | No Load        | CAD      | RBF268    |
| A      | No Load        | USD      | RBF411    |
| Adv    | Deferred Sales | CAD      | RBF862    |
| Adv    | Front End      | CAD      | RBF771    |
| Adv    | Low Load       | CAD      | RBF173    |
| Adv    | Low Load       | USD      | RBF4411   |
| T5     | No Load        | CAD      | RBF5268   |

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|-------------------------|--|
| Inception Date          | January 1993                           |
| Total Fund Assets \$Mil | 1,101.9                                |
| Series A NAV \$         | 21.50                                  |
| Series A MER %          | 2.15                                   |
| Benchmark               | MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (C\$) |

|                            |          |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Income Distribution        | Annually |
| Capital Gains Distribution | Annually |

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

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Fund Category | International Equity |
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| Management Company | RBC Global Asset Management Inc. |
| Web Site           | www.rbcgam.com                   |

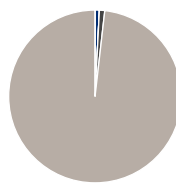
## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF268).

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

## Portfolio Analysis as of October 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

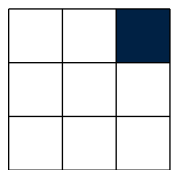


|                      | % Assets |
|----------------------|----------|
| Cash                 | 0.8      |
| Fixed Income         | 0.0      |
| Canadian Equity      | 0.0      |
| US Equity            | 1.0      |
| International Equity | 98.3     |
| Other                | 0.0      |

### Top 10 Holdings

|                                       | % Assets  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Unilever PLC                          | 3.5       |
| Novo Nordisk A/S B                    | 3.2       |
| RELX NV                               | 3.2       |
| SoftBank Group Corp                   | 2.6       |
| Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc    | 2.5       |
| CSL Ltd                               | 2.5       |
| London Stock Exchange Group PLC       | 2.4       |
| Royal Dutch Shell PLC Class A         | 2.3       |
| LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE   | 2.3       |
| Roche Holding AG Dividend Right Cert. | 2.2       |
| Total % of Top 10 Holdings            | 26.8      |
| Total Number of Stock Holdings        | 73        |
| Total Number of Bond Holdings         | 0         |
| Total Number of Other Holdings        | 1         |
| <b>Total Number of Holdings</b>       | <b>74</b> |

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| P/B Ratio         | 3.0  |
| P/E Ratio         | 19.7 |
| Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B | 48.9 |

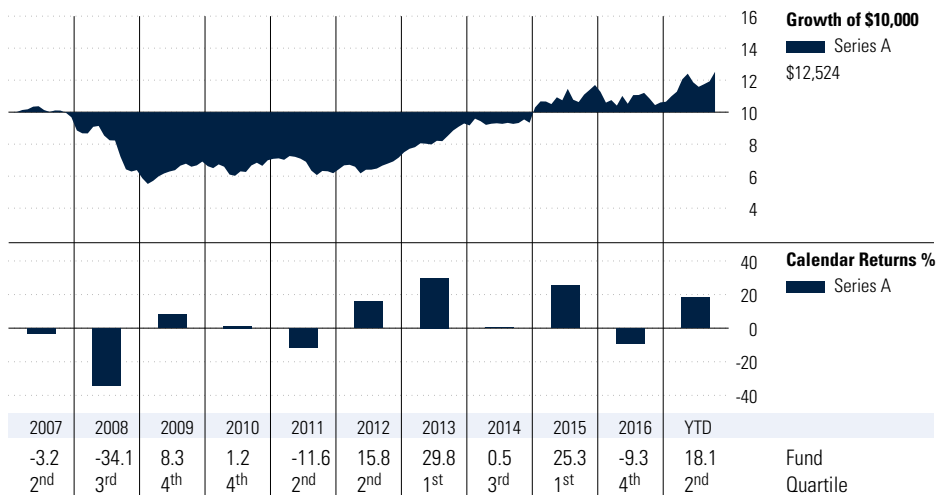
### Top 5 Sectors

|                        | % Equity |
|------------------------|----------|
| Financials             | 17.3     |
| Health Care            | 14.9     |
| Consumer Discretionary | 14.3     |
| Industrials            | 13.5     |
| Consumer Staples       | 12.7     |

### Geographic Allocations

|                | % Assets |
|----------------|----------|
| United Kingdom | 27.2     |
| Japan          | 17.8     |
| Germany        | 8.5      |
| Netherlands    | 7.1      |
| Denmark        | 5.4      |

## 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 %        |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| 5.0             | 8.1             | 3.9             | 15.4            | 10.3            | 13.0            | 2.2             | 4.3          | Fund                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | —            | Quartile                 |
| 542             | 537             | 534             | 509             | 343             | 270             | 136             | —            | No. of Funds in Category |



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Dominic Wallington

##### RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

Dominic has worked in the investment industry since 1991 and has been a portfolio manager since 1993. Prior to joining RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, he worked for Invesco Perpetual. Between 2002 and July 2007, Dominic ran several Continental European equity funds for individual investors and institutions. He has a Masters in Finance and Investment from the University of Exeter. Dominic also holds the Securities Institute Diploma and is a Fellow of the Securities Institute.

#### David Lambert

##### RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

David is a Portfolio Manager with the European Equity team of RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. He is part of a veteran team that strives to identify superior investment opportunities while minimizing risks. David began his career with the firm in 1999 as a Quantitative Analyst and became a Portfolio Manager in 2003. He graduated from Loughborough University with a First Class BSc (Hons) degree in Mathematics and is an Associate of the UK Society of Investment Professionals (CFA UK).

#### Mayur Nallamala

##### RBC Investment Management (Asia) Limited

Mayur Nallamala is Senior Portfolio Manager and the Head of Asian Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1998, and prior to joining the firm in 2013 was a portfolio manager at JP Morgan Asset Management in Hong Kong. He was responsible for Asia Pacific ex-Japan mandates managing assets on behalf of sovereign wealth, institutional and retail clients around the world. He spent his early career at Chase Futures & Options in London and at ABN AMRO in Hong Kong. Mayur holds a Bachelor of Science from the London School of Economics.

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

| Distributions (\$)/Unit | YTD* | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total Distributions     | —    | —    | 0.01 | —    | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.01 |
| Interest                | —    | —    | 0.01 | —    | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.01 |
| Dividends               | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Capital Gains           | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Return Of Capital       | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |

| Best/Worst Periods % | Ended   | 1 Yr  | Ended  | 3 Yr  | Ended  | 5 Yr | Ended  | 10 Yr |
|----------------------|---------|-------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|
| Best                 | 1-1994  | 41.5  | 7-2015 | 21.4  | 5-2017 | 15.0 | 7-2015 | 3.5   |
| Worst                | 11-2008 | -36.8 | 3-2003 | -20.5 | 5-2012 | -9.8 | 6-2010 | -5.9  |
| Average              |         | 4.7   |        | 4.3   |        | 3.4  |        | 0.8   |
| No. of Periods       |         | 286   |        | 262   |        | 238  |        | 178   |
| Pct. Positive        |         | 69.2  |        | 66.8  |        | 55.5 |        | 69.1  |

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

European equities continued the strong performance seen earlier this year. For much of the quarter, monetary-policy expectations pushed up the euro. However, the currency lost momentum after the European Central Bank (ECB) announced that it would leave interest rates unchanged and maintain quantitative easing. German Chancellor Merkel's failure to win a majority in a general election also weakened the euro.

Asian markets posted gains following strong first-half performance. Investor sentiment improved on the back of rising regional earnings expectations and stabilizing economic indicators in China. The strongest-performing markets in Asia were China, Hong Kong and Thailand, and the Indian market also fared well. The Japanese economy continued to strengthen in recent months and the Prime Minister called a surprise election as his approval ratings improved.

From an asset allocation perspective, the Health Care sector was the biggest detractor from relative returns while Information Technology contributed.

At the stock selection level, holdings in the Industrials and Consumer Discretionary sectors detracted the most from relative performance, while strong stock selection in Health Care and Information Technology contributed. The largest contributor was a holding in Chinese internet giant Tencent. Chilean copper miner Antofagasta was the second largest. The biggest detractor was a position in Mitsubishi UFJ.

While the encouraging macroeconomic data and latest set of solid corporate results suggest a strong recovery in Europe, Brexit negotiations between the European Union and the U.K. and political developments in southern Europe in the months ahead could lead to market volatility. Markets seems to have shrugged off the negative news around North Korea's military provocations but there are some warning signs for Asian markets as we have seen some softening of macro indicators in the region.



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