



# RBC U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth through investment primarily in U.S. mid-capitalized equity investments and common stock equivalents.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF336
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF860
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF769
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF171

Inception Date	March 1992
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	847.8
Series A NAV \$	32.73
Series A MER %	2.10
Benchmark	Russell Midcap Growth Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

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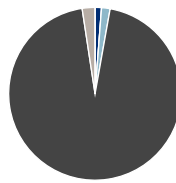
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Notes

This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective June 27, 2014.

## Portfolio Analysis as of April 30, 2018

### Asset Mix

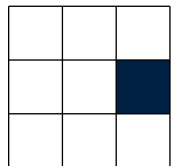


	% Assets
Cash	1.2
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	1.6
US Equity	94.8
International Equity	2.4
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Abiomed Inc	3.2
MercadoLibre Inc	2.4
Autodesk Inc	2.2
Red Hat Inc	2.2
WEX Inc	2.0
Synopsys Inc	1.8
Microsemi Corp	1.7
Aspen Technology Inc	1.7
Globus Medical Inc Class A	1.6
Roper Technologies Inc	1.6
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	20.4
Total Number of Stock Holdings	81
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>82</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

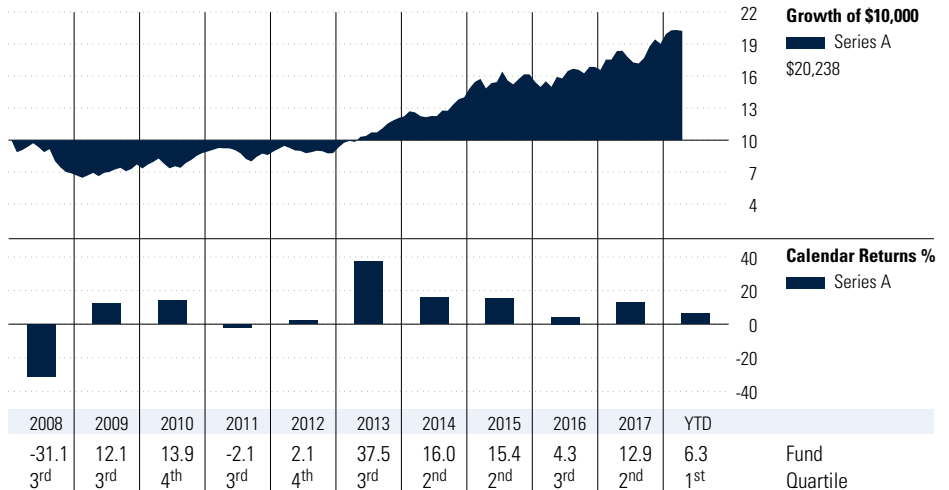
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	4.1
P/E Ratio	22.7
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	14.0

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	29.1
Industrials	21.6
Health Care	19.3
Consumer Discretionary	10.9
Financials	8.3
Consumer Staples	4.6
Materials	2.7
Energy	1.9
Real Estate	1.5
Telecommunication Services	0.0
Utilities	0.0
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of April 30, 2018



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	-0.4	1.4	7.7	10.3	10.9	15.5	8.0	6.2	Fund
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	—	Quartile
	287	287	267	257	176	114	58	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Kenneth A. Tyszko

#### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Within RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.), Ken is responsible for Small-, SMid- and Mid-Cap Growth research and portfolio management. His industry experience includes portfolio management responsibilities at Oberweis Asset Management, ABN AMRO Asset Management (USA) Inc. and Sears Investment Management Company. Ken holds a Bachelor of Science degree in accountancy from the University of Illinois; he is certified as a CPA and is a CFA charterholder.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of April 30, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	0.79	0.40	3.38	0.44	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.79	0.40	3.38	0.44	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	4-1998	38.3	4-1998	24.2	4-1998	18.2	2-2018	8.6
Worst	3-2003	-32.2	2-2003	-13.7	3-2003	-10.2	12-2008	-4.3
Average		6.3		6.1		5.2		2.5
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		72.0		65.3		59.3		70.2

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2018

Mid-cap growth stocks, represented by the Russell Midcap Growth Index, returned 2.2% in Q1. The top three performing sectors in the Index were Information Technology (IT; 7.3%), Utilities (7.3%) and Health Care (5.4%). Five out of 11 sectors had negative returns.

The Fund's strong performance was driven by a strong combination of stock selection and sector allocation. Favourable stock selection within the IT and Health Care sectors contributed the most to returns and offset adverse stock selection within the Financials and Consumer Staples sectors. Overall, sector allocation largely contributed in the Health Care and Materials sectors.

The portfolio's largest overweighted sectors versus the Index are Industrials and Health Care while the largest underweighted sectors are Consumer Discretionary and Materials. We believe the portfolio is well-positioned to withstand the increased volatility we expect for the remainder of the year.

Looking ahead, both corporate and personal tax cuts and increased government spending should help accelerate an already strong economy. GDP growth for 2018 is expected to range between 2.5-3.0% and the risk of recession remains low. Inflation will likely hover around the 2.0% range and we see no reason the U.S. Federal Reserve will not stick with its previously announced policy regarding continued increases in its funds rate.

Equity valuations are high, which may limit prospective equity gains. Ramped-up tariff and trade war banter from the Trump Administration is not helpful to equity markets, but we are hopeful that cooler heads will prevail and that the U.S. and China do not embark on a full-scale trade war. After nine years of relatively smooth sailing and plentiful equity gains, we suggest that investors continue to take a long-term view of the equity markets and prepare for increased volatility in the near term.



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