



# RBC U.S. Mid-Cap Growth Equity Fund (US\$)

## 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	USD	RBF337

Inception Date	March 1992
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	992.3
Series A NAV \$	28.82
Series A MER %	2.10
Benchmark	Russell Midcap Growth Index (US\$)

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.
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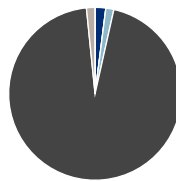
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## Notes

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

## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2018

### Asset Mix

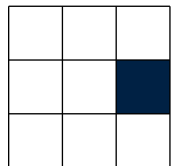


	% Assets
Cash	2.0
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	1.5
US Equity	94.9
International Equity	1.6
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Abiomed Inc	2.8
Autodesk Inc	2.3
WEX Inc	2.1
HealthEquity Inc	1.8
Synopsys Inc	1.7
Aspen Technology Inc	1.7
Tractor Supply Co	1.7
Raymond James Financial Inc	1.6
The Cooper Companies Inc	1.6
AptarGroup Inc	1.6
MercadoLibre Inc	1.6
Roper Technologies Inc	1.6
Globus Medical Inc Class A	1.6
Align Technology Inc	1.6
Red Hat Inc	1.5
Waste Connections Inc	1.5
Ansys Inc	1.5
Bright Horizons Family Solutions Inc	1.5
CDW Corp	1.5
Woodward Inc	1.5
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc	1.4
IDEXX Laboratories Inc	1.4
Zebra Technologies Corp	1.4
Brown & Brown Inc	1.4
Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corp	1.4
<b>Total % of Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>41.2</b>
<b>Total Number of Stock Holdings</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Total Number of Bond Holdings</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Number of Other Holdings</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>82</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

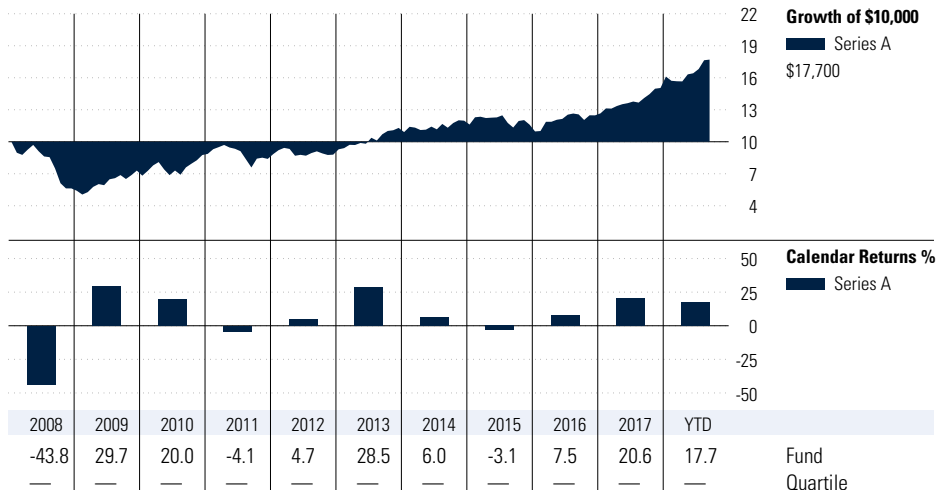
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	4.6
P/E Ratio	24.8
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	14.7

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	25.4
Health Care	21.9
Industrials	21.5
Consumer Discretionary	11.5
Financials	8.0
Consumer Staples	5.2
Materials	2.8
Energy	2.1
Real Estate	1.6
Unclassified	0.0
Communication Services	0.0
Utilities	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of September 30, 2018



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	0.3	7.8	13.0	25.6	16.0	10.6	9.0	6.3	Fund
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	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 September 30, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	0.62	0.30	2.42	0.38	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.62	0.30	2.42	0.38	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	3-2010	47.6	3-2006	25.6	2-2014	17.7	9-2018	9.0
Worst	12-2008	-43.8	2-2009	-16.5	3-2003	-10.9	2-2009	-2.4
Average		7.1		6.2		5.3		4.1
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		69.6		70.9		74.3		92.8

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2018

Mid-cap growth stocks, represented by the Russell Midcap Growth Index, returned 7.6% during Q3. Top 3 performing sectors were: Health Care (12.3%), Information Technology (IT) (10.7%) and Industrials (9.4%). Lagging sectors were Materials (-5.0%), Telecommunication Services (-4.8%) and REITS (-1.8%).

The Fund's strong performance was driven by a strong combination of stock selection and sector allocation. Favorable stock selection and sector allocation within Consumer Discretionary and Materials sectors contributed the most to returns and offset adverse stock selection within IT and Health Care sectors. Our largest overweighted sectors versus the Index are Health Care and Industrials, while the largest underweighted sectors are Consumer Discretionary and IT.

With stock valuations elevated following strong Q3 and year to date returns, our outlook for equity markets is a bit more tempered than earlier in the year. U.S. tax cuts and deregulation continue to provide economic tailwinds, but global economic

conditions are not as attractive and bear monitoring. The U.S. business cycle is likely in the late innings and will ultimately roll over. With the 7th incremental increase in federal funds rates, the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield of 3.20% in early October has reached new highs not seen since 2011.

While we are neutral to mildly positive as to U.S. equity markets over the next year, there are several scenarios that could lead to a less positive outcome, particularly escalation of protectionist moves by the Trump administration or a policy mistake by the U.S. Federal Reserve moving too fast on rate hikes. However, despite these concerns and potential flare-ups, markets have remained remarkably resilient and we expect that to continue. Over the longer term, we see the potential for further economic growth, which should result in positive earnings reports, increased guidance, and continued strength in the stock market.



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