



# RBC Emerging Markets Multi-Strategy Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in units of other mutual funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate of RBC GAM (called the underlying funds), emphasizing mutual funds that invest in equity securities of companies located or active in emerging markets.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF438
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6438
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4438

Inception Date	September 2016
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	364.5
Series A NAV \$	10.68
Series A MER %	2.30
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (CAD)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

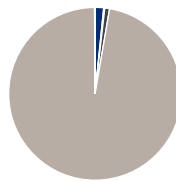
Fund Category	Emerging Markets Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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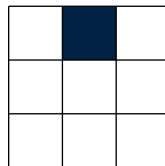
## Portfolio Analysis as of January 31, 2019

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	1.6
Fixed Income	0.2
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.9
International Equity	97.2
Other	0.1

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	1.6
P/E Ratio	12.0
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	21.8

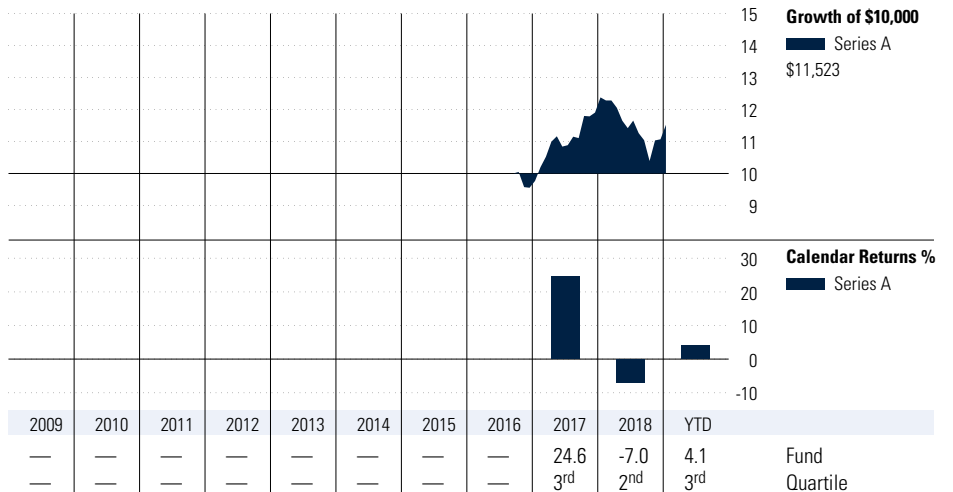
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	31.8
Information Technology	13.8
Consumer Staples	11.3
Consumer Discretionary	9.3
Communication Services	9.1

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
China	19.4
India	12.0
Taiwan	10.2
South Africa	9.7
South Korea	9.1

## Performance Analysis as of January 31, 2019



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Fund	4.1	10.9	-1.1	-6.9	—	—	—	6.1	Fund
Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	278	272	256	237	162	126	56	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Philippe Langham

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

Philippe is Head of Emerging Markets Equities & Senior Portfolio Manager. He has worked in the investment industry since 1992 and joined the firm in 2009 to establish and lead the team that manages the emerging markets equity strategies. Prior to RBC, Philippe was Head of Global Emerging Markets with Société Générale Asset Management S.A. Philippe holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the University of Manchester and is a qualified Chartered Accountant.

#### Laurence Bensafi

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

Laurence Bensafi is Deputy Head, Emerging Markets Equities. Prior to joining the firm in 2013, Laurence was responsible for managing global emerging markets income funds and developing quantitative stock selection and environmental analysis models. Laurence is a CFA charterholder and a graduate of Toulouse University (France), where she obtained a Magistère d'Économiste Statisticien & D.E.S.S. Statistique et Économétrie.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of January 31, 2019

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	—	0.52	0.14	0.09	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	0.09	0.09	0.08	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.43	0.04	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	1-2018	26.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worst	10-2018	-11.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Average		7.9		—		—		—
No. of Periods		17		—		—		—
Pct. Positive		70.6		—		—		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2018

Emerging-market equities fell in the fourth quarter of 2018. The Fund's three investments outperformed their respective benchmarks during the period. The best-performing fund during the period was the RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

Brazil was the top-performing emerging-market country. Brazilian equity markets rallied after market-friendly candidate Jair Bolsonaro won presidential elections in October, following several months of uncertainty. Indonesia and India recovered as both markets benefited from stronger currencies and weaker oil prices.

Mexico has been a poor performer due to concerns about the new president's use of polls to determine policy issues. However, the market did rebound somewhat in December. The China-U.S. trade dispute was also in the spotlight following the announcement of a truce at December's G20 summit.

The Fund's biggest holding was the RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund, where stock selection was strong, particularly in Financials and Health Care. At the country level, stock selection, and country positioning were positive, especially in Brazil. Banco do Brasil outperformed after the appointment of a new CEO. Positions in two other Brazilian companies, Banco Bradesco and Natura Cosmetics, also benefited from the post-election rally, with Natura Cosmetics announcing solid third-quarter results. Indian financial company HDFC and Indonesian pharmaceutical Kalbe Farma was also among the Fund's top performers.

In the small-cap holding, stock selection and sector positioning contributed positively. The share price of Brazilian materials company Duratex rose, and positions in the Indian consumer company Marico and Filipino canned food company Century Pacific were also positive for relative performance.



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