



# RBC Global Precious Metals Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies throughout the world involved directly or indirectly in the exploration, mining and production of precious metals (gold, silver and platinum) and in bullion, coins, receipts and certificates.

## Fund Details

| Series | Load Structure | Currency | Fund Code |
|--------|----------------|----------|-----------|
| A      | No Load        | CAD      | RBF468    |
| Adv    | Deferred Sales | CAD      | RBF865    |
| Adv    | Front End      | CAD      | RBF774    |
| Adv    | Low Load       | CAD      | RBF178    |

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Inception Date          | October 1988              |
| Total Fund Assets \$Mil | 596.0                     |
| Series A NAV \$         | 34.72                     |
| Series A MER %          | 2.12                      |
| Benchmark               | S&P/TSX Global Gold Index |

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

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

|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Fund Category | Precious Metals Equity |
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| Management Company | RBC Global Asset Management Inc. |
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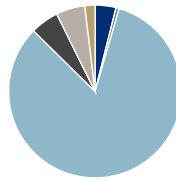
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| Web Site | www.rbcgam.com |
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## Notes

Fund's investment objective and name changed July 4, 2006. Fund was previously known as RBC Precious Metals Fund.

## Portfolio Analysis as of May 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

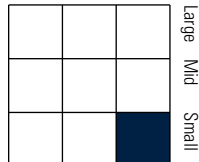


|                      | % Assets |
|----------------------|----------|
| Cash                 | 3.9      |
| Fixed Income         | 0.6      |
| Canadian Equity      | 82.7     |
| US Equity            | 5.3      |
| International Equity | 5.4      |
| Other                | 1.9      |

### Top 10 Holdings

|                                 | % Assets   |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd          | 8.0        |
| OceanaGold Corp                 | 6.1        |
| Barrick Gold Corp               | 6.0        |
| Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd          | 5.4        |
| B2Gold Corp                     | 5.2        |
| Newmont Mining Corp             | 5.2        |
| Endeavour Mining Corp           | 4.4        |
| Richmont Mines Inc              | 4.3        |
| Alamos Gold Inc                 | 3.5        |
| Torex Gold Resources Inc        | 3.3        |
| Total % of Top 10 Holdings      | 51.4       |
| Total Number of Stock Holdings  | 92         |
| Total Number of Bond Holdings   | 2          |
| Total Number of Other Holdings  | 11         |
| <b>Total Number of Holdings</b> | <b>105</b> |

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| P/B Ratio         | 1.9  |
| P/E Ratio         | 25.7 |
| Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B | 1.7  |

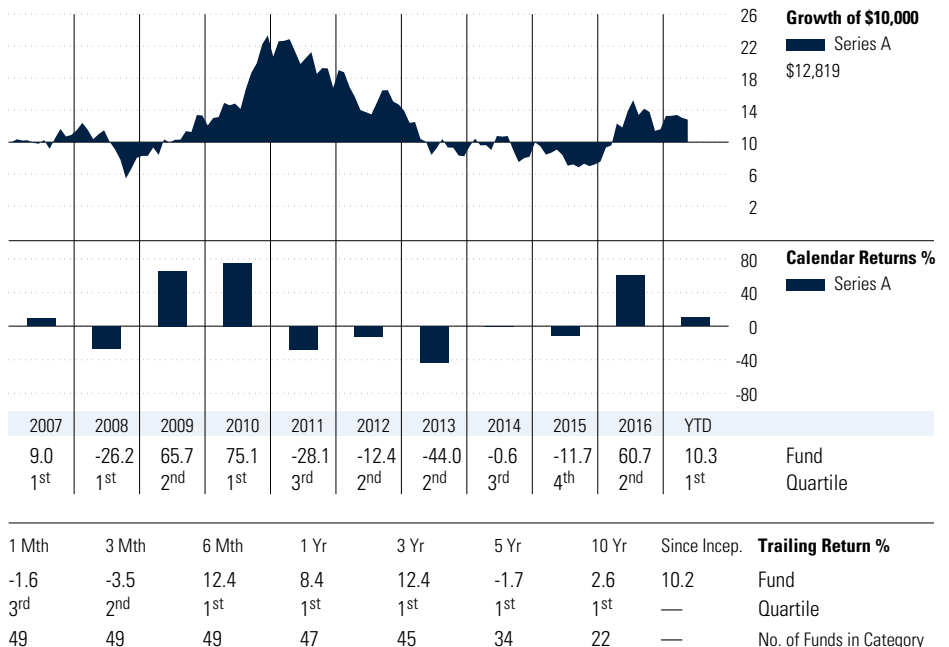
### Top 5 Sectors

|                        | % Equity |
|------------------------|----------|
| Materials              | 100.0    |
| Energy                 | 0.0      |
| Industrials            | 0.0      |
| Consumer Discretionary | 0.0      |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.0      |

### Geographic Allocations

|               | % Assets |
|---------------|----------|
| Canada        | 88.5     |
| United States | 5.7      |
| Côte D'Ivoire | 4.7      |
| Australia     | 1.1      |
| Mexico        | 0.0      |

## Performance Analysis as of May 31, 2017





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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Chris Beer

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Chris Beer is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Canadian and Global Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1993.

#### Brahm Spilfogel

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Brahm Spilfogel is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1991.

#### Jeffrey Schok

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Jeffrey Schok is an Associate Portfolio Manager and senior analyst for global resources and precious metal strategies. Jeffrey began his investment career in 2006 and 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     | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 9.70 | 9.58 | 2.00 | —    | 0.75 |
| Interest                | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Dividends               | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |
| Capital Gains           | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 9.70 | 9.58 | 2.00 | —    | 0.75 |
| Return Of Capital       | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    |

| Best/Worst Periods % | Ended   | 1 Yr  | Ended   | 3 Yr  | Ended   | 5 Yr  | Ended   | 10 Yr |
|----------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| Best                 | 2-1996  | 163.7 | 11-2003 | 83.0  | 4-2006  | 48.9  | 12-2010 | 35.4  |
| Worst                | 10-2008 | -53.1 | 12-2013 | -29.4 | 12-2015 | -20.9 | 1-2016  | -0.3  |
| Average              |         | 19.9  |         | 18.5  |         | 17.0  |         | 18.4  |
| No. of Periods       |         | 289   |         | 265   |         | 241   |         | 181   |
| Pct. Positive        |         | 58.1  |         | 70.9  |         | 74.3  |         | 99.4  |

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

After plunging in Q4 following Donald Trump's surprise presidential victory, gold prices rebounded sharply in Q1 as the market became more skeptical that Trump's proposed tax cuts, infrastructure spending policies and deregulation would materialize as advertised. Furthermore, although the U.S. Federal Reserve hiked interest rates in March, its unexpected dovish commentary provided additional support.

Silver prices outperformed gold, surging 15% versus a 9% rise for gold. Palladium prices once again performed better than platinum prices on improved prospects for manufacturing. There also appears to be some initial improvement in demand and prices for rough diamonds after India's demonetization program to cut down on "black money" created a slowdown in trade in Q4.

In Q1, precious metal equities underperformed the underlying commodity prices, which is unusual in a rising commodity price environment. Relative performance was positively impacted by

overweight positions in Wesdome Mines, which continued to release positive exploration results from its Eagle River and Kiena assets; Aurion Resources, which announced a high grade discovery at its Risti project; and Osisko Mining which continued to expand resources at its Windfall Lake project.

In the portfolio manager's view, precious metal equities are poised to take advantage of any hints of economic weakness, investor skepticism in Trump's agenda, or unexpected geopolitical tensions. With healthier balance sheets and improved cost structures, commodity price strength could lead to material cash flow generation. In addition, merger & acquisition activity could accelerate as senior companies look to renew their project pipelines. The portfolio manager expects companies with high quality assets, robust balance sheets and sustainable free cash flow to outperform over the long-run.



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Adjusted MER is provided for funds with management fee changes effective June 30, 2016. The Adjusted MER represents what the reported MER would have been had management fee changes been in effect throughout 2016.

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