

### **RBC Emerging Markets Dividend Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term total returns consisting of dividend income and capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of companies located or active in emerging markets with above average dividend yields.

#### **Fund Details**

**Fund Category** 

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code			
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF486			
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF886			
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF716			
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF086			

Inception Date August 2013 Total Fund Assets \$Mil 924.8 Series A NAV \$ 12.93 Series A MER % 2.22 Benchmark MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (\$C)

Income Distribution	Quarterly							
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually							
Sales Status	Open							
Min. Investment \$	500							
Subsequent Investment \$	25							

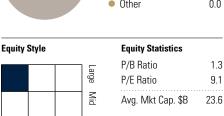
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**Emerging Markets Equity** 

Web Site



Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2018



Top 5 Sectors	% Equity
Financials	26.4
Information Technology	18.6
Energy	12.6
Materials	11.3
Consumer Discretionary	8.6

Value Blend Growth

Geographic Allocations % A	Assets
China	30.4
South Korea	14.0
India	9.0
Taiwan	8.5
Brazil	6.9
Performance Analysis as of September 30, 2018	





1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Irailing Keturn %
-2.4	-4.6	-13.6	-3.0	8.6	6.5	_	6.9	Fund
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	_	_	Quartile
251	247	230	228	147	118	55	_	No. of Funds in Category



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### Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### 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 o	of Septem	ber 30,	2018							
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	0.19	0.33	0.12	0.20	0.23	0.01	_	_	_	_	_
Interest	0.19	0.09	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.01	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	0.00	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	0.24	_	0.06	0.11	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Y	r	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	4-2017	31.6	12	-2017	10.7	8-2	2018	7.9		_	_
Worst	2-2016	-20.8	3 11	-2016	4.2	9-2	2018	6.5		_	_
Average		10.0	)		7.7			7.2			_
No. of Periods		50	)		26			2			_
Pct. Positive		72.0	)		100.0			100.0			_

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

#### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2018

Emerging Market equities fell by -1.1% in Q3. This fairly muted overall number masks substantial volatility over the period. In particular, we have found wide dispersion in country performance, which has been the key driver of overall EM equity returns.

Amongst the top country performers over the quarter have been Thailand (+13.6%), Mexico (+6.9%) and Taiwan (+6.5%), while Turkey (-20.5%), China (-7.5%) and South Africa (-7.4%) have been amongst the worst. Turkey's poor performance has been driven by concerns over President Erdogan's influence on monetary policy and China has been weak on the back of the escalating trade tensions with the U.S. Thailand has benefited from strong export data and Mexico's new president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, has adopted a more moderate stance than was first anticipated by markets.

Underperformance was due to a combination of stock selection and country positioning, while sector positioning added to relative returns. At the

sector level, an overweight to Energy added to relative returns. This was offset by poor stock selection in Financials. At the country level, stock selection was especially strong in China. This was offset by poor stock selection in Taiwan and Korea.

Not owning Chinese internet giant Tencent was the biggest contributor to relative returns in Q3 after the Chinese government announced proposals to curb video-game releases and limit the amount of time children spend playing online games. This negatively impacted the stock as Tencent derives a significant portion of its revenues from gaming. Hong Kong-based oil company CNOOC was a top performer, benefiting from rising oil prices.

The biggest detractor from relative returns in Q3 was Macronix. Despite reporting strong Q2 2018 results, the share price of the Taiwanese memory device manufacturer declined because of concerns that we are nearing the end of the memory cycle.



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