



# RBC U.S. Small-Cap Core Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. small-cap companies in order to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in the equity markets.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF493
A	No Load	USD	RBF543
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF893
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF793
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF093
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF6543
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4543

Inception Date	January 2012
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	216.4
Series A NAV \$	20.65
Series A MER %	2.11
Series A Adjusted MER %	2.05
Benchmark	Russell 2000 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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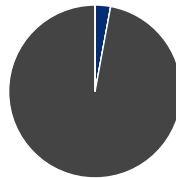
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF493).

## Portfolio Analysis as of May 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

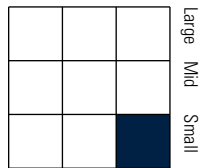


	% Assets
Cash	2.9
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	97.1
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Patrick Industries Inc	4.0
Compass Diversified Holdings	3.4
MKS Instruments Inc	3.0
Universal Electronics Inc	3.0
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc	2.8
EnerSys	2.8
Grand Canyon Education Inc	2.6
InterDigital Inc	2.5
ACCO Brands Corp	2.4
LCI Industries Inc	2.4
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	28.8
Total Number of Stock Holdings	1,940
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	6
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>1,946</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

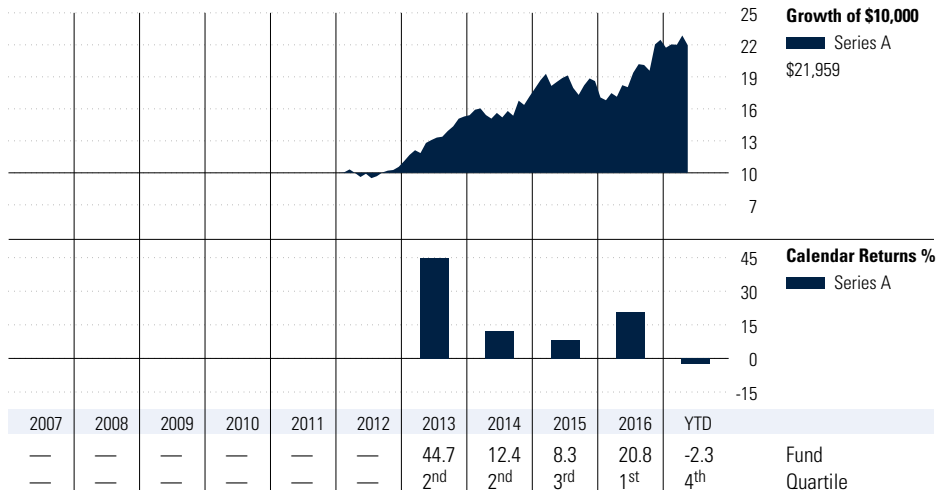
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.2
P/E Ratio	19.2
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	2.1

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Industrials	27.5
Consumer Discretionary	19.0
Financials	17.7
Information Technology	15.1
Health Care	7.0
Materials	4.5
Energy	4.1
Real Estate	2.1
Utilities	1.5
Telecommunication Services	1.0
Consumer Staples	0.5
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of May 31, 2017



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	-4.0	-0.4	-0.4	20.5	13.3	18.0	—	15.8	Fund
	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
	268	265	260	255	157	102	48	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Lance F. James

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

Lance F. James is Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager. He has been in the investment industry since 1980.

#### Stephen E. Kylander

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

Stephen E. Kylander is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager. He has been in the investment industry since 1986.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of May 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	—	—	0.27	0.11	0.35	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	0.27	0.11	0.35	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	11-2013	46.9	7-2015	26.3	4-2017	18.0	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-10.1	10-2016	10.9	3-2017	16.4	—	—
Average		19.1		17.2		17.2		—
No. of Periods		53		29		5		—
Pct. Positive		88.7		100.0		100.0		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

The post-election equity market that reached record highs in 2016 continued in the new year. However, there was a stark shift in investment style performance as the darlings of 2016 – small-cap and value stocks, which were buoyed by post-election promises of tax reform, deregulation, and infrastructure stimulus – ceded performance leadership to large-cap and growth stocks. This shift can partially be attributed to investors' realization that the new administration's proposed pro-growth policy changes will take time to incorporate, and are far from guaranteed.

Stock selection had an adverse impact on fund's performance, while overall sector allocation decisions had a moderately negative impact on returns. Adverse stock selection in Industrials, Financials, and Health Care sectors detracted the most from returns. In terms of sector allocation, the strategy's significant underweight to the strong performing Health Care sector detracted

from performance. Despite a number of stock-specific headwinds in the quarter, the team remains confident that we can outperform the benchmark in 2017 due to the conviction in the fundamentals of the companies we hold and our positioning versus the index.

The Small-Cap Core Equity strategy focuses on neglected small-cap companies with attractive long-term fundamentals, near-term profitability improvement potential, and low relative valuations. The strategy emphasizes market leaders with proven products or services, sustainable competitive advantages, solid balance sheets, and attractive cash flows. While sector weightings are a result of bottom-up research and stock selection, the strategy remains positioned for economic recovery with overweight positions in the economically sensitive Industrials, Materials, and Consumer Discretionary sectors.



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MER (%) for RBC Funds and PH&N Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, January 1 to December 31, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, expressed on an annualized basis.

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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