

# **RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of companies located or active in emerging markets.

#### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF499
Α	No Load	USD	RBF416
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF899
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF798
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF099
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4416
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF5499

Inception Date	December 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	3,233.1
Series A NAV \$	16.50
Series A MER %	2.43
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (\$C

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

Fund Category	<b>Emerging Markets Equity</b>						

Management Company RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Web Site www.rbcgam.com

#### Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF499).

#### Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2017



<b>Equity Style</b>			
	ы	P/B Ratio	2.7
	Large	P/E Ratio	17.1
	Mid	Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	33.4
	Small		

Value Blend Growth

Top 5 Sectors	% Equity
Financials	24.6
Information Technology	24.1
Consumer Staples	15.3
Consumer Discretionary	13.8
Industrials	7.5







246

217

159

109

49

No. of Funds in Category

253

253



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## Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### Philippe Langham

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

Philippe Langham is Head, Emerging Markets Equities & Senior Portfolio Manager. He has worked in the investment industry since 1992 and in 2009 joined the firm to establish and lead the team that manages RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund. Philippe is a graduate of the University of Manchester in England, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics. He is also a qualified Chartered Accountant.

Performance Analysis Cont'd as of August 31, 2017											
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	_	_	0.08	0.00	_	0.01	_	0.05	_	_	_
Interest	_	_	80.0	0.00	_	0.01	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.05	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Y	r	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	1-2015	29.8	3 5	-2015	15.3	5-2	2017	12.1		_	_
Worst	12-2011	-15.7	7 9	-2013	0.6	4-2	4-2016		_		_
Average		7.1			7.8			7.6			_
No. of Periods		8′			57			33			_
Pct. Positive		77.8	3		100.0			100.0			_

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

#### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2017

Q2 saw a continuation of the Emerging Markets' strong outperformance and Emerging Market (EM) equities continued to rise at a steady pace due to the continued weakness of the U.S. dollar and strong investor flows. Despite this, Q2 has been unusual since the value rally witnessed in 2016 has not continued. Reflation expectations, which resurfaced after Trump's election, continued to fade during in Q2.

Greece and Hungary were the best performing markets, benefitting from the risk-on environment in Europe. China performed well following MSCI's decision to add 222 A-shares to its indices, a move which boosted the performance of large-cap stocks.

Qatar was the worst performer after several Gulf Co-operation Council countries severed their diplomatic ties with it. Russia underperformed due to currency losses and a low oil price. Brazil was also negative due to commodity downturns and political uncertainty.

At the country level, stock selection was the key contributor to returns. From an asset allocation perspective our overweight position in South Africa was negative, due to weaker than expected growth and ongoing political volatility; however strong stock selection, notably our holdings in Naspers and Clicks Group, was positive for returns. In addition, our holdings in China A-shares Hangzhou Hikvision and Fuyao Glass were positive for returns as they benefitted from the MSCI announcement to add these shares to the indices.

At the sector level, asset allocation was the key driver of returns, notably the Energy sector where the strategy was underweight. Strong stock selection in the Financials sector also contributed. The strategy's underweight position in Information Technology, as well as not owning Tencent in the Fund, detracted from returns.



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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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