

# **RBC O'Shaughnessy Canadian Equity Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide a long-term total return by investing primarily in equity securities of Canadian and U.S. companies based on Strategy Indexing®, a rigorous and disciplined approach to stock selection based on characteristics associated with above average returns over long periods of time.

#### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF550
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF775
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF128

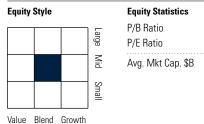
Inception Date	November 1997				
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	597.7				
Series A NAV \$	20.64				
Series A MER %	1.54				
Benchmark	S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index				

Income Distribution Capital Gains Distribution	Annually Annually
Sales Status Min. Investment \$ Subsequent Investment \$	Open 500 25
Fund Category	Canadian Focused Equity

Management Company	RBC Global Asset
	Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

#### Portfolio Analysis as of January 31, 2019





Global Equity Sectors	% Equity
Financials	17.4
Materials	17.2
Industrials	14.2
Consumer Discretionary	11.2
Energy	10.6
Consumer Staples	9.0
Real Estate	7.2
Information Technology	6.8
Health Care	3.7
Communication Services	1.4
Utilities	1.2

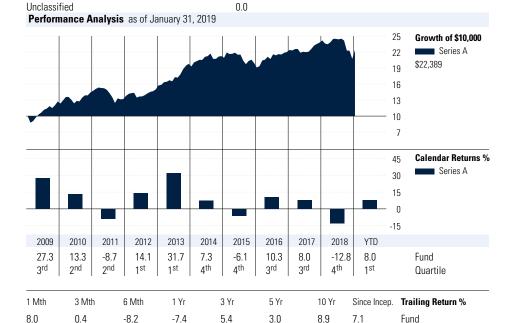
1st

790

3rd

784





1.6

12.0

9.6

4th

770

4<sup>th</sup>

758

3<sup>rd</sup>

583

4<sup>th</sup>

460

2<sup>nd</sup>

216

Quartile

No. of Funds in Category



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### Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### Jim P. O'Shaughnessy

#### O'Shaughnessy Asset Management

Jim O'Shaughnessy is the Chairman of O'Shaughnessy Asset Management (OSAM). Also serving as the Chief Investment Officer of the firm, Jim is ultimately responsible for OSAM's investment strategies. He directs the Senior Portfolio Manager, Director of Research, and the Portfolio Management Team and helps to set the agenda for the team. He is also responsible for the development of OSAM's existing strategies and directs the team on idea generation and specific initiatives to improve the models and develop new factors and products.

# Patrick O'Shaughnessy O'Shaughnessy Asset Management

Patrick O'Shaughnessy is the Chief Executive Officer at O'Shaughnessy Asset Management (OSAM). Patrick oversees the day-to-day business of the firm, directing OSAM's initiatives in the areas of research and portfolio management, investor education and client service and relationships. He also serves as a Portfolio Manager. Prior to his role as CEO, Patrick spent 11 years on OSAM's Research & Portfolio Management team, working to improve the firm's investment strategies.

Performance Analysis	Cont'd as o	of Januar	y 31, 20	119							
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	_	0.10	0.16	0.24	0.14	0.11	0.16	0.21	0.09	0.14	0.30
Interest	_	0.00	0.00	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.01
Dividends	_	0.10	0.16	0.24	0.14	0.11	0.16	0.21	0.09	0.14	0.28
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1,	Yr Ended		3 Yr	Ended		5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	3-2010	49.	.8 3	-2006	26.9	10-2007		18.9	8-20	800	13.4
Worst	2-2009	-41.	-41.8 2-2009		-13.8	5-2012		-4.2	5-2017		2.7
Average		8.9		8.8		8.8		8.8			6.8
No. of Periods		243		219				195			135
Pct. Positive		73.3			84.9		89.7				100.0

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

#### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2018

The largest factor that detracted from relative performance was an overweight in smaller-capitalization stocks. One of our two key stock-selection themes (Momentum) underperformed and detracted from performance. Our other key selection-theme (Value) outperformed and contributed positively to performance. Quality exposures had a negative impact in aggregate as higher-quality stocks underperformed.

From a sector perspective, allocation effects were positive and selection effects were negative. The Consumer Staples and Energy sectors were the top contributors to allocation effects. Meanwhile, the Healthcare and Communication Services sectors were the top detractors. Healthcare and Utilities were the top contributors to selection effects.

Meanwhile, Materials and Energy were the top detractors.

Our research of individual stock data leads us to believe that Shareholder Yield, Value, Momentum, and Quality are factor themes that will be critical to future outperformance. We consistently avoid sectors and industries with unfavorable characteristics, and focus on areas of the market that we consider favorable in and relevant. In light of the portfolio's positioning relative to its benchmark—as measured by the key characteristics we use in our stock-selection process—we believe that the portfolio is well-positioned for 2019.



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