



# RBC U.S. Dividend Fund

## Investment Objective

To achieve long-term capital growth and regular dividend income by investing primarily in common and preferred securities of U.S. companies with above average dividend yields.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF590
A	No Load	USD	RBF541
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF802
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF702
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF129
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF734
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4541
Adv T5	Front End	CAD	RBF6539
Adv T5	Low Load	CAD	RBF4539
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF539
T8	No Load	CAD	RBF599

Inception Date	July 2006
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	4,107.0
Series A NAV \$	26.94
Series A MER %	1.93
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	US Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Notes

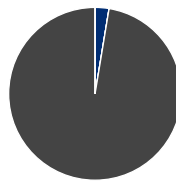
The fund's investment objective changed November 28, 2011.

This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective June 27, 2014.

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF590).

## Portfolio Analysis as of January 31, 2019

### Asset Mix

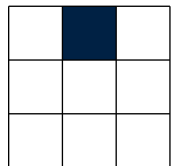


	% Assets
Cash	2.6
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	97.4
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
Microsoft Corp	5.3
Cisco Systems Inc	3.5
Apple Inc	3.3
JPMorgan Chase & Co	3.0
Broadcom Inc	2.9
Bank of America Corporation	2.9
Intel Corp	2.5
Anthem Inc	2.3
Johnson & Johnson	2.1
Philip Morris International Inc	2.0
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	29.8
Total Number of Stock Holdings	207
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	4
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>211</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

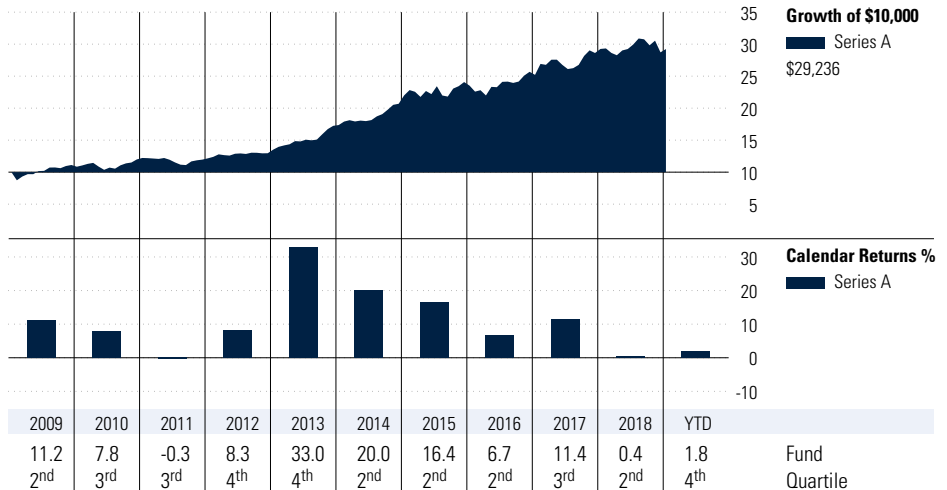
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.8
P/E Ratio	14.8
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	159.1

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	23.5
Health Care	17.1
Financials	13.3
Industrials	9.6
Consumer Staples	8.4
Consumer Discretionary	8.2
Energy	5.7
Real Estate	5.4
Utilities	5.1
Communication Services	3.3
Materials	0.5
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of January 31, 2019



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Fund	1.8	-2.0	-2.4	-0.1	7.5	11.0	12.1	6.9	Fund
Quartile	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	1572	1566	1514	1476	1057	721	299	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Brad Willock

#### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Brad Willock joined RBC in May 1996 and RBC Global Asset Management in July 2002. In his current role, he is responsible for core and income-oriented U.S. equity mandates. Brad has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Science, and is a CFA charterholder.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of January 31, 2019

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	—	1.06	0.73	0.39	1.10	2.46	0.63	0.10	—	0.01	0.07
Interest	—	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.09	—	0.01	0.01
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.06
Capital Gains	—	0.99	0.64	0.28	1.08	2.44	0.55	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	12-2013	33.0	12-2015	22.9	11-2017	17.5	1-2019	12.1
Worst	2-2009	-32.5	6-2010	-10.1	9-2011	-3.4	1-2017	5.9
Average		7.7		9.5		10.9		7.9
No. of Periods		139		115		91		31
Pct. Positive		79.9		76.5		80.2		100.0

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2018

The S&P 500 Index was not exempt from the most recent sell-off as tighter financial conditions, rising protectionism and slowing global growth were top of mind for investors. While analysts expect a more moderate pace of earnings growth in 2019, we think estimates are still at risk of being revised lower. Our view is based on the fact that economic growth, while still decent, is slowing and that margins have little room for improvement. Overall, our models suggest a low chance of recession over the next year, but the risk is rising.

Both security selection and sector allocation were a boost in Q4 amidst volatile markets. Defensive positioning contributed to the downside protection, as well as utilization of the Fund's potential fixed income allotment. Conversely, some of our energy overweights detracted in Q4, namely Phillips 66 and Marathon Petroleum. Global oil prices rose to four-year highs exceeding US\$75 per

barrel in early October, before declining to end December near US\$45. Supply remains in focus as OPEC boosted production to offset sanctions imposed on Iranian crude.

While our base case is for stocks to rise very modestly over the next year, there are several scenarios that could lead to different outcomes. A policy mistake by the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) (raising rates too fast) or an escalation of protectionist moves by the Trump administration (subjecting more goods to tariffs or raising the tariff rate) are the most likely causes of a downturn given the potential for both to stamp out the expansion. A possible upside scenario is that the expansion remains intact through 2021, perhaps because the Fed pauses its rate-hike cycle soon or the Trump administration comes to a trade agreement with China.



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