# PH&N U.S. Equity Fund

### **Investment Objective**

To provide significant long-term capital growth by investing primarily in a well-diversified portfolio of quality U.S. common stocks.

### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF7160
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6160
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4160

Inception Date	November 2008				
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	618.2				
Series A NAV \$	72.43				
Series A MER %	1.87				
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$)				

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

**RBC Global Asset** 

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Management Company

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### Portfolio Analysis as of November 30, 2018

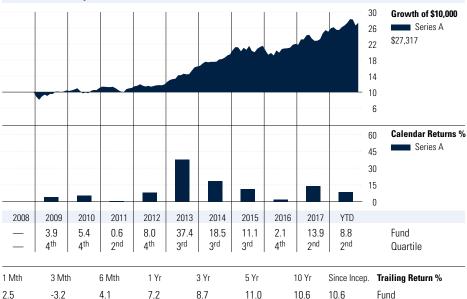


<b>Equity Style</b>		<b>Equity Statistics</b>				
	Large Mid	P/B Ratio P/E Ratio Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	2.9 17.8 159.0			
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Value	Blend	Growth			

Top 10 Holdings	% Assets
Microsoft Corp	4.1
Alphabet Inc Class C	3.3
Apple Inc	3.2
Amazon.com Inc	3.0
JPMorgan Chase & Co	2.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	2.0
Johnson & Johnson	1.9
UnitedHealth Group Inc	1.8
Berkshire Hathaway Inc B	1.8
Facebook Inc A	1.7
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	24.9
Total Number of Stock Holdings	150
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	2
Total Number of Holdings	152





1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
2.5	-3.2	4.1	7.2	8.7	11.0	10.6	10.6	Fund
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	_	Quartile
1526	1505	1466	1430	977	668	282	_	No. of Funds in Category

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## Management Overview

### **Manager Bios**

#### Stuart Kedwell

#### **RBC Global Asset Management Inc.**

Stuart Kedwell is Senior Vice President and Co-Head, North American Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1997.

#### **Doug Raymond**

#### **RBC Global Asset Management Inc.**

Doug Raymond is Senior Vice President and Co-Head, North American Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1985.

Performance Analysis	s Cont'd as o	of Novemb	er 30,	2018							
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	_	_	_	_	0.19	_	_	_	_	0.12	0.02
Interest	_	_	_	_	0.19	_	_	_	_	0.12	0.02
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr		Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	11-2013	38.6	7	-2015	23.8	11-2	2017	16.8	11-20	018	10.6
Worst	2-2016	-9.1	11	-2011	3.0	11-2	2013	10.2	11-20	018	10.6
Average		12.5			12.9			14.1			10.6
No. of Periods		109			85			61			1
Pct. Positive		91.7			100.0			100.0			100.0

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

## Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2018

U.S. equity markets generally outperformed the rest of the world again in the third quarter. The U. S. economy recorded impressive gains. Soaring business and consumer confidence, and strong corporate profit growth fueled the ascent.

Bolstered by large-scale tax cuts and increased government spending, the U.S. economy has accelerated to its fastest growth rate in four years. We continue to believe that the speed limit for developed-world growth has increased since the global financial crisis. Confidence among businesses and consumers has been restored.

Security selection was a positive driver this quarter. The Consumer Discretionary and Technology sectors led the way. An overweight position in Amazon Inc. continues to add value. The company is capturing a large amount of retail growth, with approximately 40 percent of its revenue from recurring sources. Amazon is also leading the growing cloud computing space with Amazon Web Services.

Eli Lilly and Company and Abbott Laboratories were also strong performers in the third quarter. This was partly due to optimism surrounding Abbott's high-profile device, MitraClip, used to treat mitral valve regurgitation. Mohawk Industries Inc., the largest player in global flooring, was a detractor for the portfolio. Mohawk has faced stronger-than-expected headwinds this year, but appears to be well positioned when these headwinds begin to subside.

Our analysis of a variety of scenarios suggests that stocks can deliver decent upside with reasonable assumptions, as long as earnings continue to come through as analysts expect. We recognize, however, that earnings growth is now critical to sustain the bull market in stocks. This is particularly true in light of the late stage in the business cycle and the fact that valuations are above equilibrium.

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