

# **RBC International Dividend Growth Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in a portfolio of equity securities of major companies domiciled in the developed countries outside of North America.

#### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF505
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF780
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF513

Inception Date	November 2006
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	43.3
Series Adv NAV \$	11.32
Series Adv MER %	2.15
Series Adv Adjusted MER %	2.09

Benchmark MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Quarterly
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	International Equity

Management Company RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Web Site www.rbcgam.com

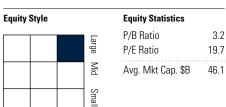
#### Notes

Fund name changed effective October 21, 2011. Fund was previously known as RBC DS International Focus Fund.

Performance Analysis is in Advisor Series units as the Series A units were launched January 25, 2016.

### Portfolio Analysis as of May 31, 2017

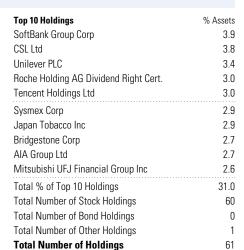


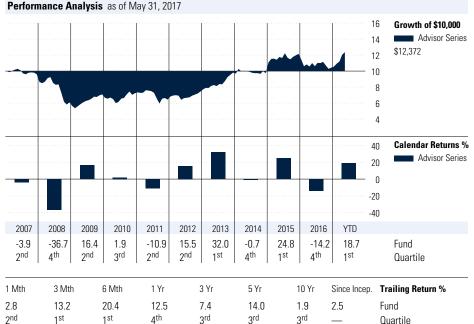


Top 5 Sectors	% Equity
Health Care	19.1
Financials	16.2
Consumer Staples	14.9
Consumer Discretionary	13.4
Industrials	12.8

Value Blend Growth

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
United Kingdom	25.0
Japan	19.1
Germany	8.8
Australia	7.1
Switzerland	6.2
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528

457

355

266

126

No. of Funds in Category

544

539



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# Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### **Dominic Wallington**

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

Dominic has worked in the investment industry since 1991 and has been a portfolio manager since 1993. Prior to joining RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, he worked for Invesco Perpetual. Between 2002 and July 2007, Dominic ran several Continental European equity funds for individual investors and institutions. He has a Masters in Finance and Investment from the University of Exeter. Dominic also holds the Securities Institute Diploma and is a Fellow of the Securities Institute.

#### Mayur Nallamala

#### **RBC Investment Management (Asia) Limited**

Mayur Nallamala is Senior Portfolio Manager and the Head of Asian Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1998, and prior to joining the firm in 2013 was a portfolio manager at JP Morgan Asset Management in Hong Kong. He was responsible for Asia Pacific ex-Japan mandates managing assets on behalf of sovereign wealth, institutional and retail clients around the world. He spent his early career at Chase Futures & Options in London and at ABN AMRO in Hong Kong. Mayur holds a Bachelor of Science from the London School of Economics.

Performance Analysis Cont'd as of May 31, 2017											
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	_	0.07	0.14	0.23	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.08	0.11	0.09	0.05
Interest	_	0.07	0.14	0.23	0.07	0.10	0.12	80.0	_	0.09	0.05
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	0.11	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Y	r	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	11-2013	32.7	7 5	-2015	22.4	5-2	2015	14.5	5-20	)17	1.9
Worst	11-2008	-40.7	7 5	-2010	-16.5	5-2	2012	-9.0	12-20	016	0.4
Average		2.8	3		5.7			6.1			1.1
No. of Periods		115	5		91			67			7
Pct. Positive		57.4	1		74.7			68.7			100.0

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

#### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

Both asset allocation and security selection added to relative performance with the latter contributing the most.

At the asset allocation level, our underweight position in energy was the largest contributor. The zero position in Utilities was the largest detractor.

Security selection within the Health Care and Materials sector contributed the most to relative performance whereas selection with the industrials sector was the biggest detractor. At the stock level, our overweight position in Csl was the largest contributor. Our overweight position in Brambles Limited was the largest detractor.

In Europe's current environment, domestically exposed stocks may return to favour, with those exhibiting highest potential growth in revenue emerging as winners. Our focus remains on the discipline of long-term investing in companies with strong competitive positions, low capital intensity,

sustainable and/or improving profitability and the right management strategy and governance structures.

We are increasingly cautious given heightened geopolitical risks involving North Korea. Economies with large trade surpluses versus the U.S. are most vulnerable – primarily the industrial exporters of North Asia given the possibility of a U.S. border-adjustment tax. The domestically driven economies of South Asia are more defensive, but in reality, rising protectionism will hamper most economic linkages that now exist in all regional economies. Japanese equity markets have been surprisingly resilient despite the recent strengthening of the yen. While the Bank of Japan would like to maintain a weak yen, external global forces could lead to a continued strengthening of the currency, which would threaten corporate profits.



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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.

Series H and Series I are not available for purchase by new investors. Existing investors who hold Series H or Series I units can continue to make additional investments into the same series of the funds they hold.

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