# **RBC Private U.S. Growth Equity Pool**



#### Investment objective

To provide long-term growth primarily through capital appreciation by investing in common stocks and equivalent securities of U.S. corporations that offer above average prospects for growth.

The investment team conducts bottom-up fundamental research to identify above-average growth businesses that are industry leaders or hold a proprietary advantage over their competition. The outcome of their in-depth fundamental research is a concentrated portfolio of approximately 30-40 holdings that represent the investment team's very best ideas.

### **Fund details**

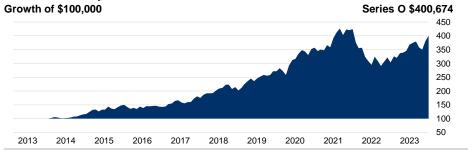
| Series | Currency | Fund code |
|--------|----------|-----------|
| 0      | CAD      | RBF10165  |

Inception date August 2003 Total fund assets \$MM 796.7

Benchmark

100% Russell 1000 Growth Index (C\$)

#### Performance analysis as of December 31, 2023





| 2014  | 2015 | 2016  | 2017  | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021  | 2022  | 2023     | YTD                 |
|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|----------|---------------------|
| 17.1  | 28.2 | -5.2  | 22.8  | 15.8 | 34.3 | 31.3 | 18.8  | -28.4 | 32.0     | 32.0 Fund           |
| 23.7  | 25.8 | 3.9   | 21.9  | 7.0  | 29.7 | 35.8 | 26.8  | -24.1 | 39.6     | 39.6 Bench-<br>mark |
| 1 Mth | 3 Mt | h 6 N | lth 1 | Yr   | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr | Since | e incep. | Trailing return %   |
| 5.1   | 11.9 | 8.9   | 32    | 2.0  | 3.9  | 14.6 | 14.9  |       | 9.2      | Fund                |
| 2.0   | 11.4 | 10.   | 6 39  | 9.6  | 10.3 | 18.8 | 17.4  |       | _        | Benchmark           |

## Portfolio analysis as of December 31, 2023

| Asset mix |   | % Assets |
|-----------|---|----------|
|           | <ul><li>Cash</li></ul>                        | 3.0      |
|           | <ul><li>Fixed income</li></ul>                | 0.0      |
|           | <ul><li>Canadian equities</li></ul>           | 0.0      |
|           | <ul> <li>U.S. equities</li> </ul>             | 97.0     |
|           | <ul> <li>European equities</li> </ul>         | 0.0      |
|           | <ul> <li>Asia-Pacific equities</li> </ul>     | 0.0      |
|           | <ul> <li>Emerging markets equities</li> </ul> | 0.0      |

## **Equity style**

|       |   |   |    | Weight %                  |
|-------|---|---|----|---------------------------|
| Large | 0 | 8 | 69 | <ul><li>&gt; 50</li></ul> |
| Mid   | 0 | 9 | 12 | 25-50                     |
| Small | 0 | 2 | 0  | 10-25                     |
|       |   |   |    | O-10                      |

Value Blend Growth

## **Equity characteristics**

| Dividend yield (%)                            | 0.3   |
|---|-------|
| Price to earnings ratio (forward)             | 31.4  |
| Price to book ratio                           | 10.5  |
| Price to free cash flow ratio                 | 26.9  |
| Price to sales ratio                          | 4.3   |
| Weighted average market capitalization (\$Bn) | 555.3 |

| Risk measures             | Fund | Benchmark |
|---------------------------|------|-----------|
| 3-year standard deviation | 18.5 | 17.5      |
| 5-year standard deviation | 17.4 | 17.0      |

## Portfolio analysis continued as of December 31, 2023

| Top 25 holdings                 | % Assets |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Intuit Inc                      | 4.8      |
| ServiceNow Inc                  | 4.6      |
| NVIDIA Corp                     | 4.5      |
| Microsoft Corp                  | 4.5      |
| Costco Wholesale Corp           | 4.4      |
| Alphabet Inc - Class C Shares   | 4.2      |
| Amazon.com Inc                  | 4.2      |
| Intuitive Surgical Inc          | 4.1      |
| Mastercard Inc - Class A Shares | 3.8      |
| Adobe Inc                       | 3.8      |
| Lululemon Athletica Inc         | 3.7      |
| S&P Global Inc                  | 3.7      |
| SBA Communications Corp         | 3.6      |
| Uber Technologies Inc           | 3.5      |
| Cintas Corp                     | 3.4      |
| Autodesk Inc                    | 3.2      |
| Progressive Corp                | 3.2      |
| Atlassian Corp - Class A Shares | 3.1      |
| Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc    | 3.0      |
| CoStar Group Inc                | 3.0      |
| Zoetis Inc                      | 2.9      |
| Edwards Lifesciences Corp       | 2.9      |
| Align Technology Inc            | 2.7      |
| Generac Holdings Inc            | 2.3      |
| NXP Semiconductors NV           | 2.1      |
| Total % of top 25 holdings      | 89.1     |
| Total number of stock holdings  | 30       |

| Equity sector allocation | %    |
|--------------------------|------|
| Information Technology   | 31.5 |
| Health Care              | 18.0 |
| Industrials              | 12.9 |
| Financials               | 10.9 |
| Consumer Discretionary   | 9.3  |
| Real Estate              | 6.8  |
| Communication Services   | 5.9  |
| Consumer Staples         | 4.6  |
| Energy                   | 0.0  |
| Materials                | 0.0  |
| Utilities                | 0.0  |

| Distributions (\$)/unit* | 2023 | 2022  | 2021  | 2020  | 2019  | 2018  | 2017  | 2016  | 2015  | 2014 | 2013 |
|--------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Interest                 | _    | 0.07  | 0.08  | 0.11  | 0.02  | 0.05  | 0.03  | _     | _     | _    | _    |
| Canadian dividends       | _    | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _    | _    |
| Foreign dividends        | _    | 1.40  | 1.01  | 3.35  | 1.17  | 0.84  | 0.89  | 0.69  | 1.07  | 0.70 | _    |
| Foreign taxes paid       | _    | -0.21 | -0.16 | -0.24 | -0.18 | -0.14 | -0.15 | -0.12 | -0.16 | _    | _    |
| Capital gains            | _    | 1.55  | 4.45  | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _    | _    |
| Return of capital        | _    | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _     | _    | _    |
| Total distributions      | 2.90 | 2.80  | 5.37  | 3.22  | 1.02  | 0.75  | 0.78  | 0.57  | 0.91  | 0.70 | _    |

<sup>\*</sup>Income type characterization and foreign taxes paid for the previous year, are reported at or around January month-end. Distributions reported are for the same series as the performance analysis. For distributions on other series please visit rbogam.com/funds.

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