

# **RBC Asian Equity Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies located or having a principal business interest in Asian markets either directly or indirectly through investment in other mutual funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate.

#### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code RBF170				
Α	No Load	CAD					
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF863				
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF772				
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF175				
Inceptio	on Date	July 2002					
Total Fu	ınd Assets \$Mil	66.3					
Series A	A NAV \$	10.80					
Series A	A MER %	2.06					
Series A	A Adjusted MER %	2.00					
Ronchm	ark	MSCLAC Asia Pacific Total					

Benchmark MSCI AC Asia Pacific Total Return Net Index (CAD)

Income Distribution Annually
Capital Gains Distribution Annually

Sales StatusOpenMin. Investment \$500Subsequent Investment \$25

Fund Category Asia Pacific Equity

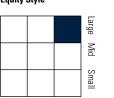
Management Company RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site www.rbcgam.com

#### Notes

This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective June 28, 2002. Since inception performance of the Fund is from June 28, 2002 only.

The fund's objective changed June 23, 2014.

#### Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017 **Asset Mix** % Assets Cash 3.4 0.0 Fixed Income Canadian Equity 0.0 US Equity 1.0 International Equity 95.6 Other 0.0 **Equity Style Equity Statistics**



 Equity Statistics

 P/B Ratio
 2.1

 P/E Ratio
 16.4

 Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B
 22.3

Value Blend Growth

Top 5 Sectors	% Equity
Information Technology	22.3
Financials	20.2
Consumer Discretionary	13.2
Consumer Staples	10.8
Health Care	10.6

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Japan	40.8
China	12.4
Australia	9.7
South Korea	9.4
India	8.6
Performance Analysis as of March 31 2017	

**Top 25 Holdings** % Assets Tencent Holdings Ltd 3.3 SoftBank Group Corp 2.9 CSL Ltd 2.6 SK Hynix Inc 2.5 Alibaba Group Holding Ltd ADR 2.2 Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing 1.9 Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc 1.8 AIA Group Ltd 1.7 Mizuho Financial Group Inc 1.6 **NAVER Corp** 1.5 Shinhan Financial Group Co Ltd 1.5 Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co Ltd 1.4 Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group Inc 1.3 HDFC Bank Ltd ADR 1.3 Suzuki Motor Corp 1.2 Japan Tobacco Inc 1.2 Bridgestone Corp 1.2 HDFC Bank Ltd 1.2 Commonwealth Bank of Australia 12 Hanjaya Mandala Sampoerna Tbk 1.1 AmorePacific Corp 1 1 Yahoo Japan Corp 1.1 Huatai Securities Co Ltd 1.1 Mitsubishi Corp 1.0 Olympus Corp 1.0 Total % of Top 25 Holdings 39.9 Total Number of Stock Holdings 123 Total Number of Bond Holdings 0 Total Number of Other Holdings **Total Number of Holdings** 124





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## Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### 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 March 31, 2017											
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	_	_	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.00	_	_	_	_
Interest	_	_	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.00	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Y	r	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	3-2004	45.4	4	-2006	22.6	4-2	2008	11.7	4-20	013	3.7
Worst	11-2008	-39.4	. 2	-2009	-15.5	7-2	2012	-9.9	7-20	012	-1.2
Average		5.0	)		3.9			1.8			1.2
No. of Periods		165	5		141			117			57
Pct. Positive		67.3	}		65.2			54.7			84.2

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

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

Asian equities gained during the first quarter of 2017, driven by faster global economic growth and an improving outlook for developing economies. In Japan, demand for value and cyclical stocks extended into the first quarter, albeit to a lesser extent than in the previous three-month period.

The allocation to Asian equities outside Japan was hurt by the negative impact of India's decision to reduce cash in circulation by removing large-denomination banknotes. In Japan, the Information Technology and Industrials sectors rallied, while Telecommunication Services and Consumer Staples trailed the Japanese benchmark. The rally in the Japanese yen versus the U.S. dollar produced losses in local-currency terms. The yen's rebound was due to concern that President Trump might have trouble winning approval for his proposed economic reforms.

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 Funds and PH&N Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, January 1 to December 31, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the half-year period, April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016, 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.

PH&N Funds Series A formerly known as Series C.

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