



# RBC U.S. Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing in equity securities of U.S. companies to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in the U.S. market.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF263
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF804
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF704
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF132
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF440

Inception Date	July 1966
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	2,049.2
Series A NAV \$	31.85
Series A MER %	1.95
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
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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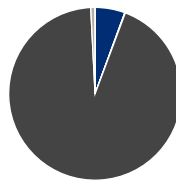
## Notes

Please note the "Since Inception" rate of return includes data from October 1972 only.

This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective November 27, 2015.

## Portfolio Analysis as of June 30, 2018

### Asset Mix

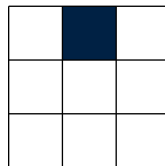


	% Assets
Cash	5.6
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.1
US Equity	93.5
International Equity	0.8
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Apple Inc	4.4
Microsoft Corp	3.6
Amazon.com Inc	3.3
Alphabet Inc A 28-04-2018	2.6
Bank of America Corporation	2.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc	2.0
Chevron Corp	2.0
Facebook Inc A	1.8
JPMorgan Chase & Co	1.5
Johnson & Johnson	1.5
Berkshire Hathaway Inc B	1.4
Intel Corp	1.4
Cisco Systems Inc	1.4
Visa Inc Class A	1.3
The Home Depot Inc	1.3
Boeing Co	1.2
DowDuPont Inc	1.2
LyondellBasell Industries NV	1.2
Altria Group Inc	1.2
Mastercard Inc A	1.1
NextEra Energy Inc	1.1
CVS Health Corp	1.0
Adobe Systems Inc	1.0
ConocoPhillips	1.0
AbbVie Inc	1.0
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	42.7
Total Number of Stock Holdings	417
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	4
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>421</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

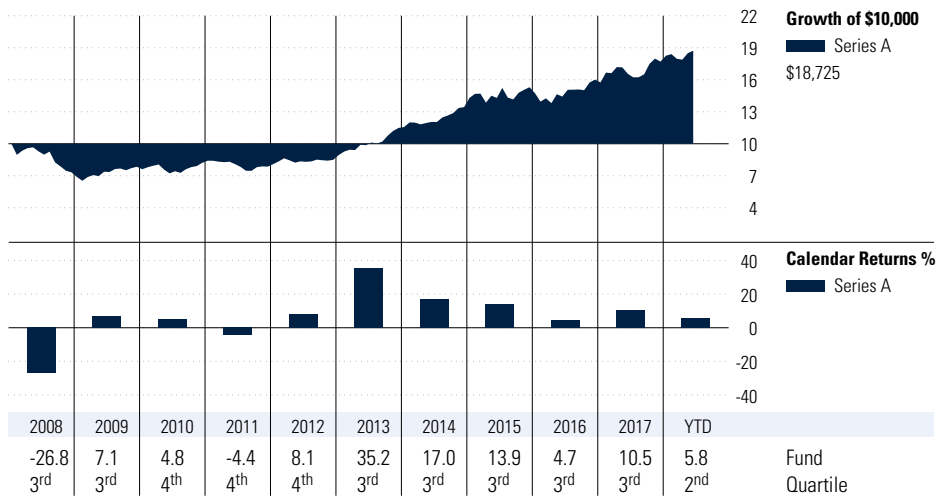
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.9
P/E Ratio	16.9
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	145.4

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	25.6
Health Care	16.5
Financials	12.2
Consumer Discretionary	12.1
Industrials	8.9
Energy	7.4
Consumer Staples	5.9
Utilities	3.5
Materials	3.5
Real Estate	3.4
Telecommunication Services	1.1
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of June 30, 2018



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
1.3 3 <sup>rd</sup>	4.2 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.8 2 <sup>nd</sup>	13.1 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.4 3 <sup>rd</sup>	13.7 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.3 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.3	Fund Quartile
1446	1428	1411	1349	918	615	261	—	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 June 30, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	1.47	—	6.72	3.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	0.75	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	1.47	—	5.97	3.50	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	7-1997	50.0	11-1997	25.5	3-2000	21.2	2-2018	7.5
Worst	9-2001	-30.8	3-2003	-16.9	8-2005	-8.8	8-2010	-6.4
Average		6.9		7.1		6.3		2.7
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		72.3		69.8		54.8		69.6

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2018

U.S. equity markets rebounded in the second quarter. However, sustained economic growth and accelerated earnings were accompanied by higher interest rates and faster inflation, which weighed on valuations. Against this backdrop, equities require ongoing earnings growth to make the kind of headway that came so easily last year.

Security selection mildly detracted in Q2. Our overweight in the department store retailing chain, Kohl's Corp., contributed positively as the stock rose on strong earnings results. Conversely, our overweights in tobacco companies, Altria Group Inc. and Philip Morris International Inc., hurt performance. Philip Morris fell 15% earlier this year on weak earnings, largely driven by lower adoption of its smokeless product than expected in Japan. Altria serves an entirely different market,

but was also dragged down by Philip Morris's poor results. Overweights in Morgan Stanley, PNC Financial Services Group Inc. and Bank of America Corp. also detracted this quarter.

Expanding valuations have been a significant source of gains for stocks during the decade-long rally, but sustained earnings growth will be critical to drive equities to higher levels. Earnings have indeed been growing rapidly, helped by U.S. tax cuts, and expectations are for the positive trend in profits to persist. The key point is that, as long as economic growth continues and the U.S. Federal Reserve raises rates gradually, stocks are positioned to offer decent returns for the balance of 2018.



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