



# 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	1,970.8
Series A NAV \$	30.11
Series A MER %	1.94
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.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

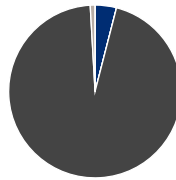
## Notes

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 December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

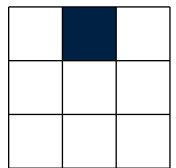


	% Assets
Cash	4.0
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	95.1
International Equity	0.9
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Apple Inc	4.4
Microsoft Corp	3.2
Alphabet Inc A	3.1
Bank of America Corporation	2.6
Amazon.com Inc	2.6
Facebook Inc A	2.4
JPMorgan Chase & Co	2.3
Johnson & Johnson	2.2
Chevron Corp	2.2
Citigroup Inc	2.0
UnitedHealth Group Inc	1.8
Berkshire Hathaway Inc B	1.8
Comcast Corp Class A	1.5
Altria Group Inc	1.5
Exxon Mobil Corp	1.4
Cisco Systems Inc	1.4
Intel Corp	1.4
Morgan Stanley	1.3
Texas Instruments Inc	1.3
PepsiCo Inc	1.2
Pfizer Inc	1.2
Oracle Corp	1.2
Boeing Co	1.2
AT&T Inc	1.1
Procter & Gamble Co	1.1
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	47.3
Total Number of Stock Holdings	2,341
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	10
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>2,351</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

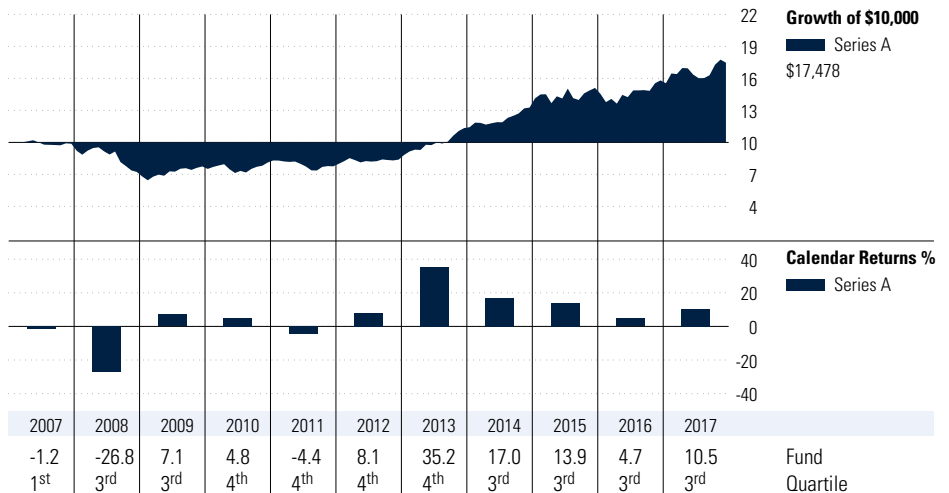
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	3.0
P/E Ratio	19.8
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	156.9

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	26.7
Financials	16.7
Health Care	13.6
Industrials	10.9
Consumer Discretionary	10.8
Energy	6.7
Consumer Staples	6.5
Real Estate	2.4
Telecommunication Services	2.1
Utilities	2.1
Materials	1.6
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of December 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trading Return %
-1.6	7.2	6.9	10.5	9.6	15.8	5.9	7.3	Fund
3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	—	Quartile
1411	1401	1367	1300	891	561	249	—	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 December 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
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	7-2003	7.4
Worst	9-2001	-30.8	3-2003	-16.9	8-2005	-8.8	8-2010	-6.4
Average		7.0		7.2		6.5		2.7
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		72.3		69.8		54.8		69.6

\* Final distribution attribution (interest, dividends, capital gains and return of capital) for 2017 will be reflected with January month-end profiles.

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2017

The U.S. stock market made significant progress again this past quarter. Strong performances from the Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology and Financials powered the advance, while the interest rate sensitive Utilities, Real Estate and Telecommunication Services sectors, along with the relatively defensive Health Care sector were detractors.

The S&P 500 (CAD) finished up for the year, driven by a synchronized global economic expansion, accommodative global monetary policy and hopes for U.S. tax reform. The S&P 500 is on track to generate over 10% earnings growth in 2017. In addition, recent economic data and the passage of tax reform suggests that earnings momentum should remain strong at least through the first half of 2018.

During the quarter, overweight positioning in Financials and Industrials helped returns, while security selection in Energy, Information Technology and Industrials also added to performance. In Energy, overweight positions in Valero Energy and Occidental Petroleum boosted performance as investors came back to the sector

as the oil price moved higher. In Information Technology, overweight positions in semiconductor leaders, Intel and Texas Instruments boosted returns. In Industrials, an overweight position in plane-maker Boeing continued to benefit the portfolio as the company continued to generate financial results above expectations.

Conversely, our overweight allocation and security selection in Consumer Staples was a detractor. Overweight positions in retail drug store operator CVS and global tobacco heavyweight Phillip Morris hurt performance.

Stocks continue to be supported by a global synchronized expansion and renewed corporate-profit growth around the world. With many equity markets at or near all-time highs, investors are rightly concerned about the sustainability of the bull market in equities. Markets have benefited from rising earnings and price-to-earnings ratios through this bull market, but earnings rather than valuations may now be the force needed to propel the market higher.



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