



# RBC U.S. Small-Cap Core Equity Class

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. small-cap companies in order to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in the equity 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
A	No Load	CAD	RBF3030
A	No Load	USD	RBF3043
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF3230
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF3430
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF3443

Inception Date	January 2015
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	0.7
Series A NAV \$	11.46
Series A MER %	2.14
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	US Small/Mid Cap Equity
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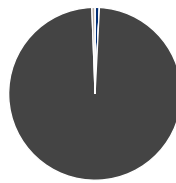
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF3030).

## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2019

### Asset Mix

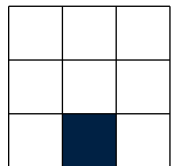


	% Assets
Cash	0.8
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	98.6
International Equity	0.6
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Patrick Industries Inc	5.0
Compass Diversified Holdings	4.8
Columbus McKinnon Corp	4.5
Grand Canyon Education Inc	3.2
MKS Instruments Inc	3.1
Ducommun Inc	2.9
Astronics Corp	2.7
Gray Television Inc	2.7
Emergent BioSolutions Inc	2.6
Globus Medical Inc Class A	2.4
Kennametal Inc	2.4
AMERISAFE Inc	2.4
ACCO Brands Corp	2.4
Greenbrier Companies Inc	2.1
Nexstar Media Group Inc Class A	2.1
Malibu Boats Inc Class A	2.0
Chemical Financial Corp	1.8
LegacyTexas Financial Group Inc	1.8
Zagg Inc	1.8
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc	1.8
United Community Banks Inc	1.8
Stoneridge Inc	1.7
Universal Electronics Inc	1.6
Masimo Corp	1.5
EnerSys	1.4
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	62.6
Total Number of Stock Holdings	75
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>76</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

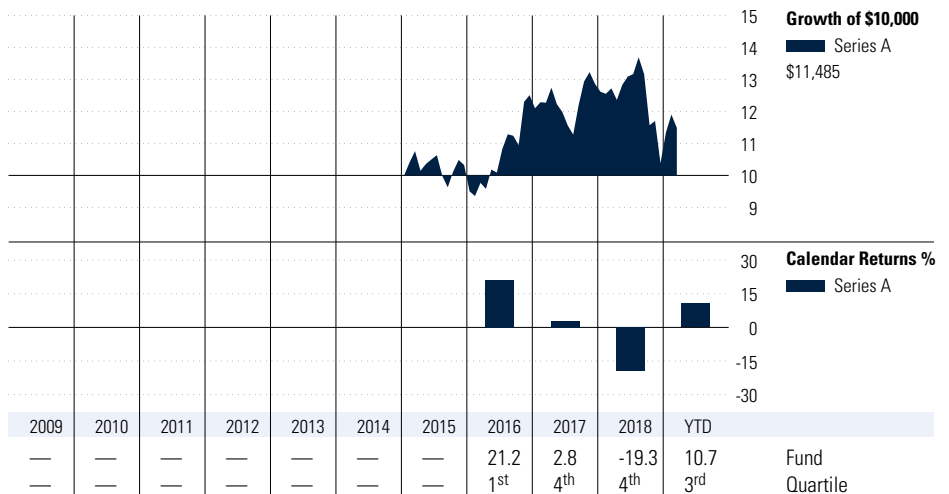
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	1.6
P/E Ratio	14.2
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	1.9

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Industrials	28.1
Consumer Discretionary	17.6
Financials	16.5
Information Technology	9.9
Health Care	8.4
Communication Services	6.8
Materials	4.8
Energy	3.7
Real Estate	1.7
Utilities	1.4
Consumer Staples	1.3
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2019



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Fund	-3.5	10.7	-12.7	-9.7	5.5	—	—	3.3	Fund
Quartile	4th	3rd	4th	4th	4th	—	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	367	367	365	356	252	144	66	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Lance F. James

#### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Lance F. James is Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager. He has been in the investment industry since 1980.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of March 31, 2019

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	4-2017	33.0	8-2018	11.1	—	—	—	—
Worst	12-2018	-19.3	12-2018	0.2	—	—	—	—
Average		6.2		6.7		—		—
No. of Periods		39		15		—		—
Pct. Positive		64.1		100.0		—		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2019

Following one of the worst Decembers on record to conclude a dismal 2018, the January effect was in full swing as markets snapped back to start the year. Despite a fair amount of volatility, equity markets remained strong throughout the quarter. While a bounce-back rally on the back of the capitulation of December was not entirely unexpected, the primary drivers of the markets' optimism were increased expectations of a U.S.-China trade agreement, a far more accommodative U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed), and some investors beginning to come off the sidelines on fear of missing out on another market rally. Despite these strong results, the market still needed to shrug off a litany of challenges including ongoing concerns about the sustainability of global economic growth, mixed U.S. economic data, and significant geopolitical uncertainty.

The Fund underperformed its benchmark for the quarter as adverse stock selection and sector allocation decisions weighed on returns. Adverse stock selection was concentrated within the Health Care and Consumer Discretionary sectors

and more than offset favorable stock selection within the Communication Services and Financials sectors. The Fund's modest underweight to the relatively strong performing Information Technology sector weighed on returns from a sector allocation standpoint.

The Small Cap Core Equity strategy focuses on neglected small cap companies with attractive long-term fundamentals, near-term profitability improvement potential, and low relative valuations. The strategy emphasizes market leaders with proven products or services, sustainable competitive advantages, solid balance sheets, and attractive cash flows. While sector weightings are a result of bottom-up research and stock selection, the strategy remains positioned for economic recovery. Downside protection is sought via the superior return on equity and balance sheet profile of the portfolio compared to the index and the market leadership positions of most portfolio companies.



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