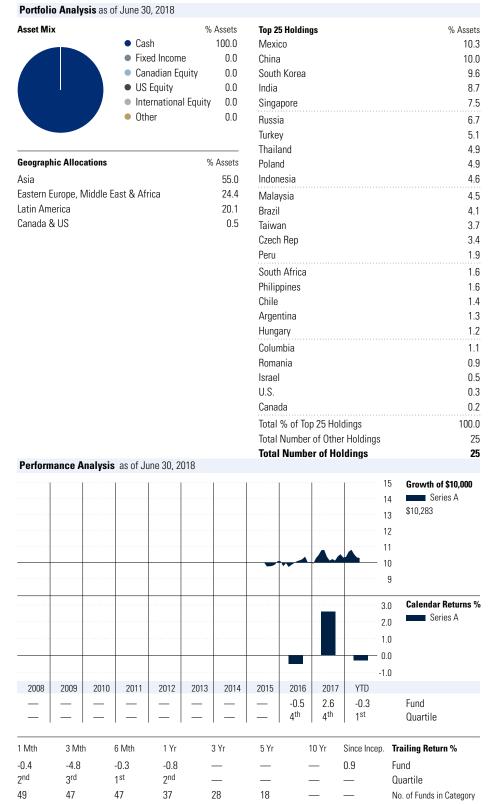


# **RBC Emerging Markets Foreign Exchange Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide total returns associated with those of emerging market currencies and short-term interest rates and to provide total returns comprised of income and modest capital growth. The fund invests primarily in short-term Canadian money market instruments and foreign exchange forward contracts on emerging market currencies

#### **Fund Details** Load Structure Fund Code Series Currency RBF406 No Load CAD Inception Date July 2015 Total Fund Assets \$Mil 785.4 Series A NAV \$ 9.33 Series A MER % 1 68 Benchmark JP Morgan Emerging Local Markets Index (ELMI+) (CAD) Income Distribution Quarterly Capital Gains Distribution Annually Sales Status Open 500 Min. Investment \$ Subsequent Investment \$ **Fund Category Emerging Markets Fixed** Income **RBC Global Asset** Management Company Management Inc. Web Site www.rbcgam.com





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### Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

### Dagmara Fijalkowski

#### **RBC Global Asset Management Inc.**

As Head of Global Fixed Income and Currencies,
Dagmara leads investment teams in Toronto, London and
Minneapolis in charge of almost \$100 billion in fixed
income assets. She heads management of several bond
funds and manages foreign-exchange hedging and active
currency overlay programs across a number of funds.
Dagmara, who began her investment career in 1994,
holds an MBA from the Richard Ivey School of Business,
a Master's degree in economics from the University of
Lodz in Poland 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	0.00	0.33	0.26	0.35	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Interest	0.00	0.33	0.26	0.35	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 '	Yr	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	4-2017	10.8		_			_	_	_		_
Worst	5-2018	-4.4		_	_	_		_	_		_
Average		2.5			_			_			_
No. of Periods		24		_				_			_
Pct. Positive		75.0			_			_			_

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

#### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2018

Emerging-market (EM) currencies declined versus the U.S. dollar during the quarter as the Trump administration imposed tariffs on the country's major trading partners. Additionally, concerns that Chinese policy makers would weaken the renminbi in retaliation were reminiscent of 2015, when speculative outflows caused the Chinese currency to weaken dramatically. In general, the expected negative effects on the growth outlook resulting from escalating trade tensions weighed on EM assets.

An additional contributor to EM currency weakness was the rise in U.S. bond yields, now sufficiently high enough to attract investments away from EM assets. The yield on the 10-year Treasury, for example, rose above 3.00% during the period from about 2.73% at the end of March. The increase in yields came as the U.S. Federal Reserve, responding to faster economic growth, raised short-term interest rates and curtailed bond purchases aimed at holding down longer-term rates.

The Canadian currency often declines with EM currencies, so the Fund's performance tends to be less volatile for those investing from Canada. While the Canadian dollar also weakened during the period on trade-related concerns, it did not weaken as much as EM currencies.

Though we remain cautious on countries leveraged to global trade, we have used recent weakness to crystalize gains on souring sentiment. We trimmed underweight positions in Taiwan and Korea as well as South Africa, where expectations of positive changes by the new administration have been toned down. The Fund has added exposure to higher-yielding, undervalued currencies on a tactical basis, although the manager recognizes that country differentiation is key under the current market environment and prefers currencies of countries with stable funding dynamics and attractive growth profiles.



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MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the full year period, April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

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