



# RBC U.S. Small-Cap Value Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. small-cap companies that are deemed to be undervalued in order to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in the equity markets.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF435
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6435
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4435

Inception Date	September 2015
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	73.1
Series A NAV \$	13.37
Series A MER %	2.04
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Value Index (CDN\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

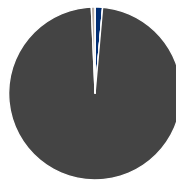
Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

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

## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

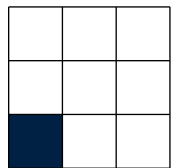


	% Assets
Cash	1.4
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	97.9
International Equity	0.7
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Compass Diversified Holdings	2.4
Spire Inc	2.3
Chemical Financial Corp	2.1
Synovus Financial Corp	2.0
Portland General Electric Co	2.0
Texas Capital Bancshares Inc	1.8
Columbus McKinnon Corp	1.8
Novanta Inc	1.8
Omnova Solutions Inc	1.8
Reliance Steel & Aluminum Co	1.7
Pacific Premier Bancorp Inc	1.7
Heritage Financial Corp	1.7
EnerSys	1.7
Gray Television Inc	1.6
Greenbrier Companies Inc	1.6
Delek US Holdings Inc	1.6
Casella Waste Systems Inc Class A	1.6
ACCO Brands Corp	1.6
Steven Madden Ltd	1.6
PC Connection Inc	1.6
Coherent Inc	1.6
United Community Banks Inc	1.5
NN Inc	1.5
Patrick Industries Inc	1.5
Sterling Bancorp	1.5
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	43.6
Total Number of Stock Holdings	86
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>87</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

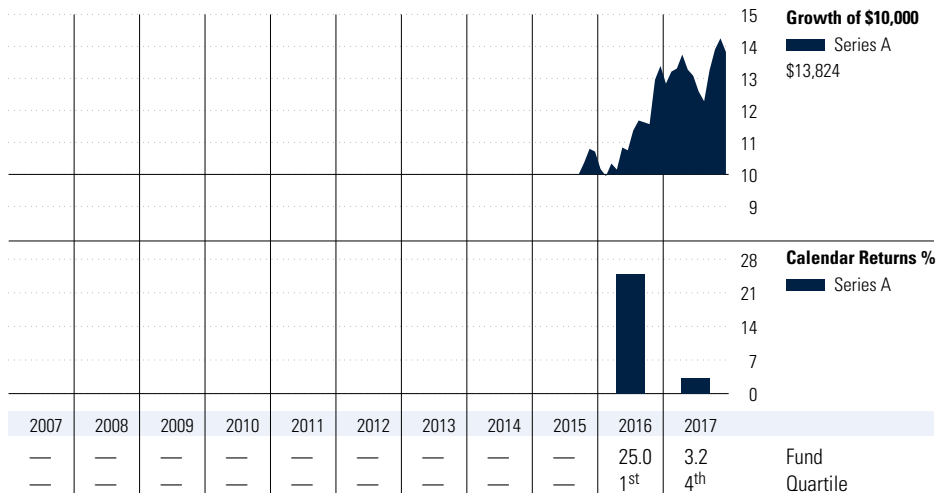
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.0
P/E Ratio	18.2
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	2.2

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	27.5
Industrials	19.6
Consumer Discretionary	12.0
Real Estate	9.0
Information Technology	8.6
Materials	6.4
Energy	5.6
Utilities	5.5
Health Care	4.4
Consumer Staples	1.4
Telecommunication Services	0.0
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.	Trailing Return %
-3.0	4.3	5.7	3.2	—	—	—	14.3	Fund
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	—	—	—	—	Quartile
291	269	262	250	170	100	53	—	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 December 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	0.10	0.09	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.10	0.09	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	4-2017	35.4	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worst	12-2017	3.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Average		19.0		—		—		—
No. of Periods		16		—		—		—
Pct. Positive		100.0		—		—		—

\* 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 major story of the fourth quarter 2017 was the passage of the Tax Reform Bill – the largest overhaul of the U.S. tax system in more than 30 years, and the Republican Party’s first major legislative win under President Trump. The ~\$1.5T plan, which goes into effect in 2018, will cut the corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%. While the late quarter passage of the bill ultimately limited its impact on market returns in the 4th quarter, the anticipation and subsequent passage of this bill along with continued strong economic data helped infuse the markets with optimism heading into year-end.

The Fund’s outperformance was primarily due to favorable stock selection, while sector allocation decisions had a modestly favorable impact on returns. Stock selection within the Financials, Information Technology, and Health Care sectors contributed the most to returns, and more than

offset adverse stock selection within the Consumer Discretionary sector. The Fund’s significant overweight to the relatively strong industrials sector also boosted returns.

The Fund 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 provided by the superior return on equity and balance sheet profile of the Fund compared to the index and the market leadership positions of most portfolio companies.



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