



# RBC European Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing in equity securities of European companies in order to provide exposure to growth opportunities in the European economy and diversification benefits beyond North America.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF457
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF848
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF748
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF174
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF5457

Inception Date	July 1987
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	6,747.8
Series A NAV \$	23.52
Series A MER %	2.15
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Total Return Net Index (\$C)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	European Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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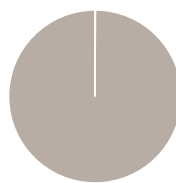
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## Notes

This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective June 27, 2014.

## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2017

### Asset Mix

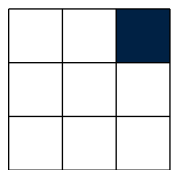


	% Assets
Cash	0.1
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	0.0
International Equity	99.9
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Unilever PLC	5.0
Novo Nordisk A/S B	4.9
Roche Holding AG Dividend Right Cert.	4.0
RELX NV	4.0
Royal Dutch Shell PLC Class A	3.8
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	3.5
Sampo Oyj A	3.4
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	3.4
Antofagasta PLC	3.2
Bayer AG	3.2
Heineken NV	3.1
Ryanair Holdings PLC ADR	3.1
Diageo PLC	3.0
Sage Group (The) PLC	3.0
CRH PLC	2.9
CaixaBank SA	2.7
Schroders PLC	2.7
Sika AG Bearer Shs	2.7
Henkel AG & Co KGaA Pfd Shs - Non-voting	2.5
Continental AG	2.4
Nordea Bank AB	2.4
Paddy Power Betfair PLC	2.3
Swedbank AB A	2.2
Burberry Group PLC	2.1
SAP SE	2.0
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	77.3
Total Number of Stock Holdings	50
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>51</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	3.0
P/E Ratio	19.3
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	46.7

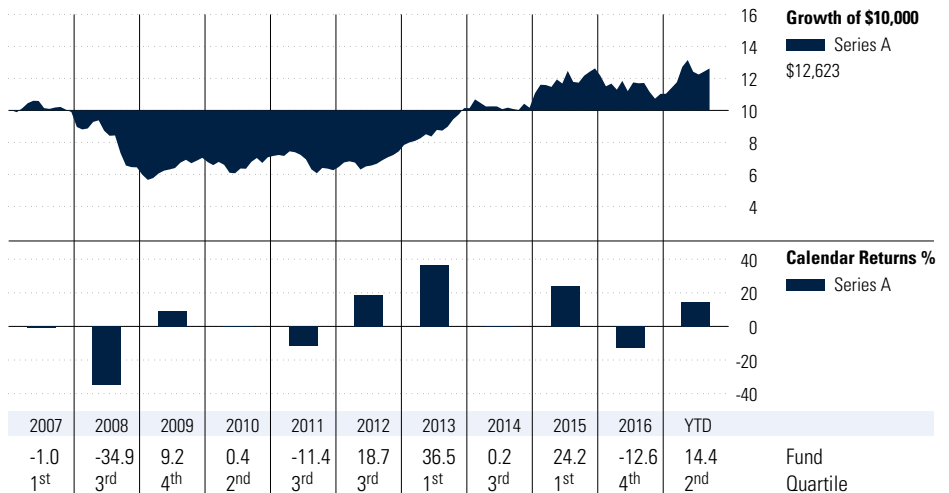
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	18.7
Health Care	15.0
Consumer Staples	14.8
Industrials	13.9
Consumer Discretionary	12.9

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
United Kingdom	39.4
Germany	12.1
Denmark	8.4
Netherlands	8.3
Switzerland	8.1

## Performance Analysis as of September 30, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
1.6	1.7	7.3	7.7	7.8	12.9	2.2	4.2	Fund
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	Quartile
177	176	171	167	107	77	51	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Dominic Wallington

##### RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

Dominic has worked in the investment industry since 1991 and has been a portfolio manager since 1993. Prior to joining RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, he worked for Invesco Perpetual. Between 2002 and July 2007, Dominic ran several Continental European equity funds for individual investors and institutions. He has a Masters in Finance and Investment from the University of Exeter. Dominic also holds the Securities Institute Diploma and is a Fellow of the Securities Institute.

#### David Lambert

##### RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

David is a Portfolio Manager with the European Equity team of RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. He is part of a veteran team that strives to identify superior investment opportunities while minimizing risks. David began his career with the firm in 1999 as a Quantitative Analyst and became a Portfolio Manager in 2003. He graduated from Loughborough University with a First Class BSc (Hons) degree in Mathematics and is an Associate of the UK Society of Investment Professionals (CFA UK).

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of September 30, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	0.30	—	1.88	0.05	0.14	0.13	0.03	0.25	0.34	0.14
Interest	—	0.04	—	0.05	0.05	0.14	0.13	0.03	0.25	0.34	0.14
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.26	—	1.83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	5-1998	47.2	2-2000	28.7	7-1998	23.6	10-2002	9.2
Worst	10-2008	-35.8	3-2003	-23.0	5-2012	-9.9	6-2010	-6.0
Average		7.4		7.4		6.7		2.9
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		69.9		67.2		58.9		71.8

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

European markets had another robust quarter making it the 5th positive quarter in a row of gains in Canadian dollar terms.

From an asset allocation perspective, our overweight position in Materials was the standout positive contributor, whereas the underweight in Energy was an equal and offsetting negative – this was the reverse dynamic of the previous quarter.

At the security selection level, our holdings in the Consumer Staples and Health Care sectors contributed the most to relative performance. The largest individual contributor was our overweight position in the UK-listed mining company, Antofagasta (Materials, 0.39%). The second largest contributor was Novo-Nordisk, the Danish pharmaceutical company (Health Care, 0.22%). The largest detractors were stock selections within Ireland with both Ryanair (Industrials) and Paddy Power Betfair (Consumer Discretionary) hitting performance by 0.26% and 0.28% respectively.

The bulk of the positive performance in the European equity space was delivered in September, after a traditionally quiet summer period. European macro data continued to remain very robust with Purchasing Managers' Index data hitting a 6-year high. The weakening of the Euro towards the end of the quarter helped underpin earnings estimates (as the bulk of the region's earnings are derived from outside of Europe). European earnings continue to improve after a number of years in the doldrums; they are still some 25% below their 2008 peak, so there is certainly room for catch-up.

While we are, as always, cognisant of the wider macro environment, our focus remains on the discipline of long-term investing in companies with strong competitive positions, low capital intensity, sustainable and/or improving profitability and the right management strategy and governance structures.



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