



RBC Global Precious Metals Fund

Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies throughout the world involved directly or indirectly in the exploration, mining and production of precious metals (gold, silver and platinum) and in bullion, coins, receipts and certificates.

Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF468
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF865
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF774
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF178

Inception Date	October 1988
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	553.4
Series A NAV \$	33.59
Series A MER %	2.13
Benchmark	S&P/TSX Global Gold Index

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

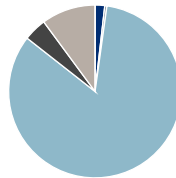
Fund Category	Precious Metals Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	1.8
Fixed Income	0.4
Canadian Equity	83.3
US Equity	4.3
International Equity	10.1
Other	0.0

Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd	10.1
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	8.2
Alamos Gold Inc	7.5
Endeavour Mining Corp	7.1
B2Gold Corp	6.7
Newmont Mining Corp	4.3
Kinross Gold Corp	3.9
Iamgold Corp	2.9
Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd	2.9
Detour Gold Corp	2.8
MAG Silver Corp	2.8
OceanaGold Corp	2.6
Roxgold Inc	2.4
Pretium Resources Inc	2.3
Belo Sun Mining Corp	2.1
Aurion Resources Ltd	1.7
Semafo Inc	1.5
Wheaton Precious Metals Corp	1.5
Continental Gold Inc	1.5
Torex Gold Resources Inc	1.4
Mountain Province Diamonds Inc	1.3
Marathon Gold Corp	1.3
Cardinal Resources Ltd	1.3
Orla Mining Ltd	1.1
Lydian International Ltd	1.0
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	82.2
Total Number of Stock Holdings	102
Total Number of Bond Holdings	3
Total Number of Other Holdings	3
Total Number of Holdings	108

Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	1.8
P/E Ratio	17.4
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	1.7

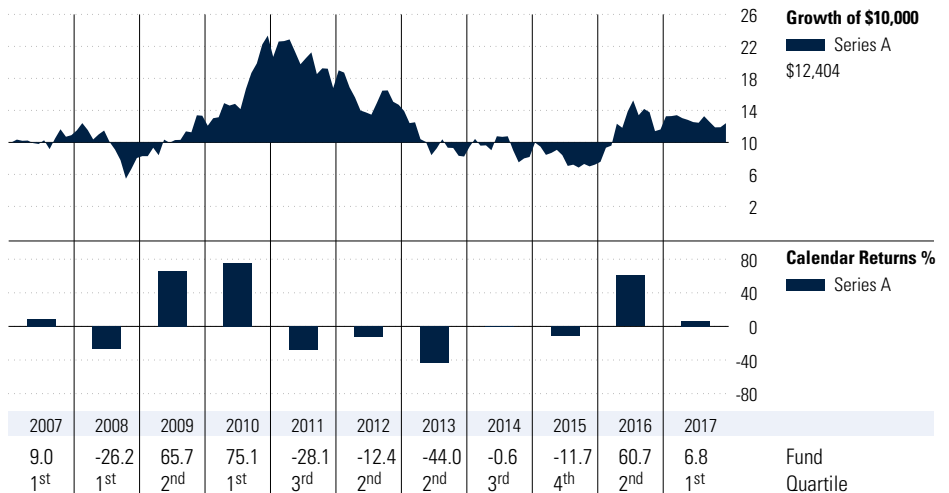
Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Materials	100.0
Energy	0.0
Industrials	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0
Consumer Staples	0.0

Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	85.2
Côte D'Ivoire	7.3
United States	4.4
Australia	1.9
Peru	1.2

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 %
Fund	4.3	-1.3	-1.1	6.8	14.9	-3.3	1.3	9.8	Fund
Quartile	2 nd	4 th	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	1 st	1 st	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	51	51	50	49	46	37	23	—	No. of Funds in Category



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Management Overview

Manager Bios

Chris Beer

RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Chris Beer is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Canadian and Global Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1993.

Brahm Spilfogel

RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Brahm Spilfogel is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1991.

Jeffrey Schok

RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Jeffrey Schok is an Associate Portfolio Manager and senior analyst for global resources and precious metal strategies. Jeffrey began his investment career in 2006 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	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.70	9.58	2.00	—	0.75
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.70	9.58	2.00	—	0.75
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	2-1996	163.7	11-2003	83.0	4-2006	48.9	12-2010	35.4
Worst	10-2008	-53.1	12-2013	-29.4	12-2015	-20.9	1-2016	-0.3
Average		18.8		18.2		16.4		18.2
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		56.4		70.9		71.4		99.4

* 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

Gold prices traded within a tight range in Q4, fluctuating mostly between US\$1,250 and \$1,300 per ounce and gaining just under 2%. The metal hit a high of US\$1,303 per ounce in early October as tensions between the U.S. and North Korea flared amid signs the rogue nation was preparing additional provocative missile launches following its earlier hydrogen bomb test. Geopolitical tensions surrounding Catalonia's unofficial referendum to separate from Spain also helped to support precious metal prices. However, a rally in the U.S. dollar early in the period capped gold's advance. Silver traded in line with gold prices, rising approximately 2%.

Precious metal equities, on average, traded flat in Q4 and just slightly underperforming underlying commodities. However, there was a wide dispersion of results with many stocks exhibiting stellar performance, while others lagged. Relative performance was positively impacted by a sizeable overweight position in Kirkland Lake Gold, whose 20% gain was fueled by promising exploration

results from its Fosterville mine, and by B2Gold, which achieved commercial production at its Fekola mine ahead of schedule. The largest detractors to value-add included overweight positions in Belo Sun Mining and Torex Gold.

In the portfolio manager's view, precious metal equities are poised to take advantage of any economic stumbles that could disrupt the U.S. Federal Reserve's ability to raise interest rates; political uncertainties stemming from a probe of the U.S. elections; weakness in the U.S. dollar; or renewed geopolitical tensions with North Korea. With numerous negative catalysts including the December rate hike, tax loss selling, and passage of the GOP's tax plan in the rear view mirror, the market may be positioned for a strong seasonal rally, similar to the past 4 years. The portfolio manager continues to invest primarily in higher-quality companies with superior assets, good cost controls and disciplined management teams.



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