



# 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	493.3
Series A NAV \$	30.72
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

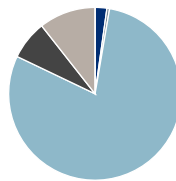
Fund Category	Precious Metals Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2018

### Asset Mix

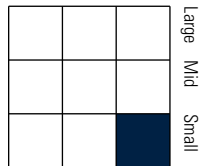


	% Assets
Cash	2.2
Fixed Income	0.5
Canadian Equity	79.4
US Equity	7.3
International Equity	10.6
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd	9.6
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	8.6
Endeavour Mining Corp	7.4
B2Gold Corp	6.9
Newmont Mining Corp	6.9
Alamos Gold Inc	5.1
Kinross Gold Corp	4.4
Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd	3.2
OceanaGold Corp	3.2
Detour Gold Corp	3.1
Iamgold Corp	3.0
MAG Silver Corp	2.5
Belo Sun Mining Corp	2.1
Goldcorp Inc	1.8
Semafo Inc	1.8
Continental Gold Inc	1.7
Cardinal Resources Ltd	1.7
Torex Gold Resources Inc	1.5
Roxgold Inc	1.5
Mountain Province Diamonds Inc	1.2
Orla Mining Ltd	1.1
Marathon Gold Corp	1.0
Centerra Gold Inc	1.0
Barkerville Gold Mines Ltd	0.9
Superior Gold Inc	0.8
<b>Total % of Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>81.9</b>
<b>Total Number of Stock Holdings</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>Total Number of Bond Holdings</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Number of Other Holdings</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>108</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	1.3
P/E Ratio	18.3
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	1.7

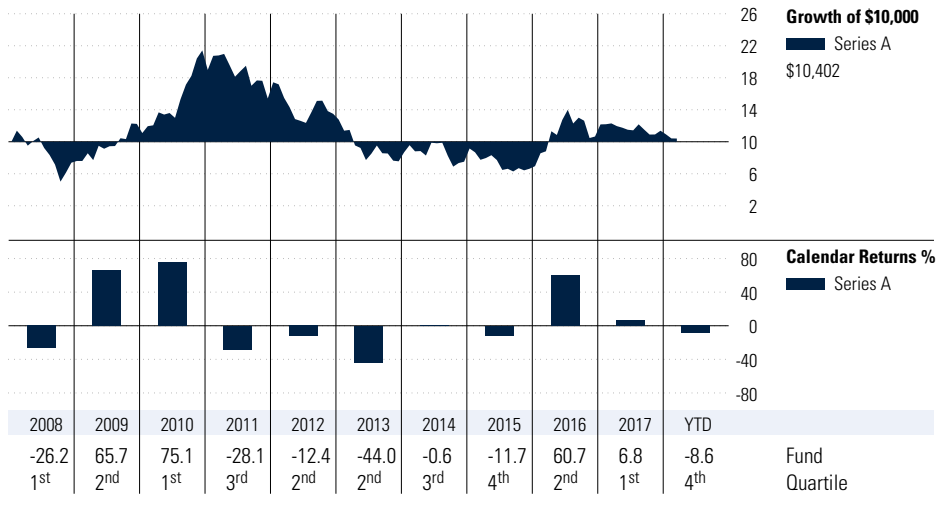
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Materials	99.8
Energy	0.2
Industrials	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0
Consumer Staples	0.0

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
Canada	81.6
Côte D'Ivoire	7.6
United States	7.5
Australia	2.4
Peru	0.9

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2018



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	-0.1	-8.6	-9.7	-15.4	10.3	-2.0	-0.2	9.4	Fund
		4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	Quartile
	52	52	51	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 is 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 March 31, 2018

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Total Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.70	9.58	2.00	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.70	9.58	2.00	—
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	2-2018	-0.9
Average		18.3		17.8		16.3		18.0
No. of Periods		289		265		241		181
Pct. Positive		55.4		70.9		70.1		98.3

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2018

Gold prices gained just under 2% in the quarter, trading within a tight range mostly between US\$1,300 and \$1,350 per ounce. The metal hit a high of US\$1,358 per ounce in mid-January, capping a greater than US\$100 per-ounce rally as the U.S. dollar weakened to multi-year lows. Various economic data releases impacted gold prices in opposing directions as signs of stronger U.S. inflation were offset by weaker retail sales figures, helping to quell fears that the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) would raise interest rates at a faster-than-expected pace. Tensions between North Korea and the United States also abated as North Korea held productive talks with South Korea. Silver fell approximately 3%.

Precious-metal equities, on average, traded down in the quarter, despite modest gains in the underlying gold price. Relative performance was positively impacted by an overweight position in Kirkland Lake Gold Ltd., which continued to outperform on exploration success at its Fosterville mine in Australia, and in OceanaGold Corp., which

continued to ramp up progress at its Haile mine. Underweight positions in Barrick Gold Corp., Franco-Nevada Corp. and Eldorado Gold Corp. also positively contributed to relative returns. The largest detractors included overweight positions in Alamos Gold Inc. and Roxgold Inc.

In the portfolio manager's view, precious-metal equities are poised to take advantage of any economic stumbles that could disrupt the Fed'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, Syria, Iran or Russia. While the second quarter is typically not gold's strongest season, numerous supportive factors could lead gold to break out of its recent trading range. 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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