

# **RBC European Dividend Fund**

### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term total returns consisting of regular dividend income and modest capital growth. The fund invests primarily in common and preferred equity securities of major European companies with above average dividend yields.

## **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code		
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF471		
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6471		
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF031		

Inception Date	August 2014
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	123.0
Series A NAV \$	11.15
Series A MER %	2.15
Series A Adjusted MER %	2.09
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Total Return Net Index (\$C)
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Income Distribution	Quarterly
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. Web Site www.rbcgam.com



Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017

# **Equity Style Equity Statistics** P/B Ratio 2.7 Large

Mid

P/E Ratio

Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B

15.5

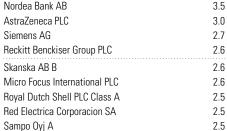
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Top 5 Sectors	% Equity
Financials	19.8
Industrials	16.3
Consumer Staples	16.3
Health Care	14.5
Energy	6.9

Geographic Allocations	% Assets
United Kingdom	42.6
Netherlands	10.9
Switzerland	10.4
Sweden	9.9
Germany	5.9
Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2017	





Sampo Oyj A Legal & General Group PLC 2.5 Rio Tinto PLC 2.4 Playtech PLC 2.1 ING Groep NV 2 0 BAE Systems PLC 2.0

GlaxoSmithKline PLC 2 0 Svenska Handelsbanken A 1.9 Rubis SCA 1.9 Provident Financial PLC 1.9 Banca Generali 1.9

Total % of Top 25 Holdings 71.7 Total Number of Stock Holdings 42 Total Number of Bond Holdings 0 Total Number of Other Holdings 1 **Total Number of Holdings** 43



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
3.2	6.3	1.4	2.2	_	_	_	5.7	Fund
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	_	_	_	_	Quartile
175	173	171	144	99	66	51	_	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### James Jamieson

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

James is a Portfolio Manager with the European Equity team of RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. He co-manages both the European Equity strategy and the European Dividend strategy. James began his career with S&W Investment Management in the graduate program in 2008. He ultimately joined RBC Global Asset Management as an Associate Portfolio Manager in January 2014. James graduated from Imperial College in 2008 with a First Class BSc (Hons) degree in Applied Business, holds the Chartered MCSI and is a CFA charterholder.

### **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.

Performance Analysis Cont'd as of March 31, 2017											
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.08	0.31	0.01	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Interest	0.08	0.31	0.01	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Y	'r	Ended	3 Yr	· E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	12-2015	22.	9	_	_		_	_		_	_
Worst	11-2016	-13.	3	_	_		_	_		_	_
Average		1.	1		_			_			_
No. of Periods		2	0					_			
Pct. Positive		35.0	0		_			_			_

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

Security selection and asset allocation both contributed to relative performance.

From an asset allocation perspective, the largest contributor to performance was our overweight position in Information Technology. Our small overweight position in Energy was the biggest detractor as the sector ended the quarter on weakness.

At the security selection level, our holdings in the Consumer Staples and Health Care sectors contributed the most to relative performance. The largest contributor was our overweight position in the Anglo-Dutch Global giant, Unilever (Consumer Staples, 39 bps). The second largest contributor was British American Tobacco, one of the world's five largest tobacco companies based in the UK (Consumer Staples, 34bps). The largest detractor was stock selection within the Industrials sector. The most significant detractor was French Gaztransport Et Technigaz (Energy,-31bps).

The value rally which was the hallmark of the second half of 2016 seems to have paused. Investor sentiment appears to be buoyed by the strengthening of corporate profitability and return to growth and the expectation of a more benign fiscal environment. This is despite continuing questions around political stability with potential for disruptions particularly in France and Italy. In the current environment, domestically-exposed stocks may return to favour with those exhibiting highest potential growth in revenue emerging as winners.

We are, as always, cognisant of the wider macro environment both for its challenges and opportunities. Nevertheless, 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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MER (%) for RBC Corporate Class Funds is based on actual expenses for the half-year period, April 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

Adjusted MER is provided for funds with management fee changes effective June 30, 2016. The Adjusted MER represents what the reported MER would have been had management fee changes been in effect throughout 2016.

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