

# **RBC Japanese Equity Fund**

#### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of Japanese companies.

Fund	Details		
Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF476
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6736
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4076

Inception Date	March 2014
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	1,050.9
Series A NAV \$	11.33
Series A MER %	2.23
Benchmark	MSCI Japan Total Return Net Index (C\$)
Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

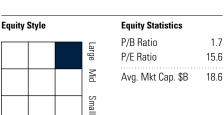
Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

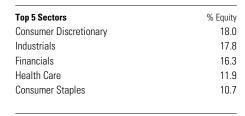
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Management Company	RRC Global Asset					

Management Inc. Web Site www.rbcgam.com

### Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017







Geographic Allocations	% Assets
Japan	100.0



### Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2017



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1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
0.4	4.0	1.0	12.6	12.2	_	_	10.7	Fund
_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	Quartile
45	44	42	39	28	24	15	_	No. of Funds in Category



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### Management Overview

#### **Manager Bios**

#### Tomonori Kaneko

#### **RBC Investment Management (Asia) Limited**

Tomonori Kaneko is Portfolio Manager, Japanese Equities. He has worked in the RBC investment industry since 2003. Prior to joining RBC, he was a junior portfolio manager for Marshall Wace GaveKal Japan equity focused strategies and senior analyst at Perry Capital. Mr. Kaneko spent his early career in distressed debt investment at Lone Star Group. Tomonori holds a Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Master's degree in Bioscience from the University of Tokyo.

Performance Analysis Cont'd as of March 31, 2017											
Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	_	1.04	0.90	0.20	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Interest	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Dividends	_		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Capital Gains	_	1.04	0.90	0.20	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Return Of Capital	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 \	Yr	Ended	3 Yr	E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	12-2015	28.	.0 3	-2017	12.2		_	_		_	_
Worst	4-2016	-0.	.7 3	-2017	12.2		_	_		_	_
Average		12.	9		12.2						
No. of Periods		2	5		1			_			_
Pct. Positive		88.	.0		100.0			_			_

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

#### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

In the first quarter of 2017, the MSCI Japan Total Return Index returned 3.9%. In local currency terms however, Japanese markets recorded substantial losses as the Yen rallied 5.4% against the U.S. dollar, likely due to the unwind of the initial euphoria surrounding a Trump-induced cyclical recovery in global equity markets.

The Consumer Discretionary and Industrials sectors were the leading contributors to Fund performance during the past quarter. The top absolute contributor was Yahoo Japan Corporation, Japan's leading web portal and internet services provider. Another bright spot for the Fund was industrial equipment manufacturer SMC whose earnings growth has been supported by a recovery of machinery orders both domestically and abroad. Elsewhere, shares of tire maker Bridgestone rallied in response to the company's announcement of substantial price hikes as well as a 6.5% share buyback.

On the contrary, stock selection in the Health Care

sector as well as an underweight weighting in Materials, detracted from Fund performance.

Japanese equity markets have been surprisingly resilient despite the recent strengthening of the yen against the U.S. dollar. The yen outlook remains critical for the outlook of corporate earnings and capex. While the Bank of Japan (BoJ) would like to maintain a weak yen, external global forces could lead to a strengthening of the yen, which would be a strong threat to corporate profitability.

The Japanese economy is being held up by continued accommodative fiscal and monetary policies. Economic growth for 2017 is projected to be 1.0% while inflation has continued to undershoot the BoJ's 2.0% inflation target. Looking ahead, we expect U.S. president to direct much of his energy at China's trade relationship with the U.S., but there can be no guarantee that Japan will remain unscathed.



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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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