



# RBC QUBE Low Volatility U.S. Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. companies using a quantitative investment approach. The fund seeks to achieve a reduced level of volatility of returns as compared to the broader U.S. equity market.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF488
A	No Load	USD	RBF450
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF818
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF718
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF018
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF6450
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4450
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF418

Inception Date	November 2012
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	1,640.8
Series A NAV \$	21.31
Series A MER %	1.95
Series A Adjusted MER %	1.87
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	US Equity
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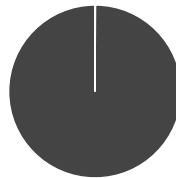
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF488).

## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2017

### Asset Mix

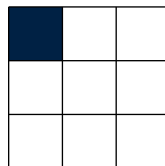


	% Assets
Cash	0.1
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	99.9
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Xcel Energy Inc	3.0
PepsiCo Inc	3.0
Republic Services Inc Class A	3.0
Johnson & Johnson	3.0
Coca-Cola Co	3.0
Alphabet Inc C	3.0
US Bancorp	2.9
DTE Energy Co	2.8
TJX Companies Inc	2.7
PNC Financial Services Group Inc	2.6
Consolidated Edison Inc	2.6
3M Co	2.6
American Electric Power Co Inc	2.5
Berkshire Hathaway Inc B	2.4
The Home Depot Inc	2.3
Intel Corp	2.3
Honeywell International Inc	2.1
Atmos Energy Corp	2.0
Wells Fargo & Co	2.0
Fiserv Inc	1.9
Philip Morris International Inc	1.8
American Financial Group Inc	1.8
Cisco Systems Inc	1.8
Exxon Mobil Corp	1.7
Public Service Enterprise Group Inc	1.7
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	60.4
Total Number of Stock Holdings	104
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>105</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

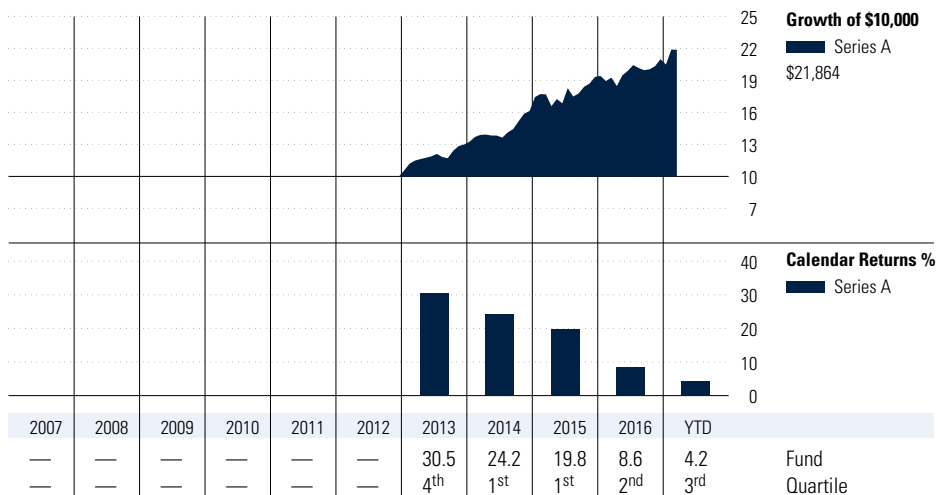
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.8
P/E Ratio	19.9
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	74.8

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	20.2
Utilities	18.0
Consumer Staples	13.9
Financials	13.8
Industrials	10.4
Health Care	7.3
Consumer Discretionary	7.3
Real Estate	3.8
Telecommunication Services	3.1
Energy	1.7
Materials	0.3
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
-0.2	4.2	9.5	13.5	16.3	—	—	20.2	Fund
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	Quartile
1361	1341	1332	1188	777	482	213	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Bill Tilford

#### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Bill is Head of Quantitative Investments at RBC Global Asset Management Inc. (RBC GAM). He has been working in the investment industry since 1986. Prior to joining RBC GAM, Bill was VP & Head of Global Corporate Securities (Public Market Investments) at a federal Crown corporation, where he managed one of the world's largest Global market neutral/overlay portfolios. For 12 years, he was a partner at a large Canadian asset manager. He holds an M.Math (Statistics & Finance) and a BA in Math (Hons).

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of March 31, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	0.51	0.06	0.17	0.06	0.02	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	0.03	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.48	0.06	0.16	0.06	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	7-2015	34.1	12-2015	24.8	—	—	—	—
Worst	1-2017	5.5	1-2017	15.6	—	—	—	—
Average		18.8		18.9				
No. of Periods		41		17				
Pct. Positive		100.0		100.0				

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2017

The U.S. market has shown no signs of slowing as the post Trump election rally continued its unrelenting momentum into the first quarter of 2017. The U.S. election result has influenced widespread optimism across equity markets based on expectations surrounding potential tax cuts, fiscal spending and economic deregulation.

Information Technology was a strong contributor to returns for the quarter. Positions in Alphabet boosted results for the portfolio. The Fund's position in Consumer Staples also added significantly to absolute returns. An allocation in Philip Morris International was among the biggest gainers in the portfolio after strong Q1 results were produced by the firm.

Returns were hurt by exposure to Telecommunication Services. Positions in AT&T and Verizon detracted from performance. The Fund was also hurt by outcomes in the Energy sector. Concerns about oil excess inventories resulted in negative returns for a majority of companies in the sector. An allocation to Exxon Mobil detracted from performance.

The Fund's trading activity is a function of its quantitative investment process in which our rigorous research process and approach to portfolio construction serve as a base to optimize position size to match fundamental conviction and minimize exposure to less repeatable, unintended risk factors.



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MER (%) for RBC Funds and PH&N Funds is based on actual expenses for the full-year period, January 1 to December 31, 2016, expressed on an annualized basis.

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.

Series H and Series I are not available for purchase by new investors. Existing investors who hold Series H or Series I units can continue to make additional investments into the same series of the funds they hold.

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