



# RBC QUBE Low Volatility Canadian Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

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

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF489
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF819
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF719
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF019
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF419

Inception Date	November 2012
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	2,031.8
Series A NAV \$	13.73
Series A MER %	1.88
Benchmark	S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

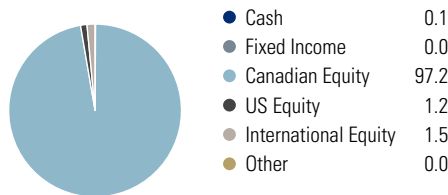
Fund Category	Canadian Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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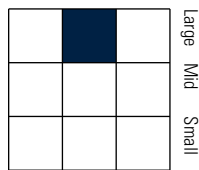
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## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

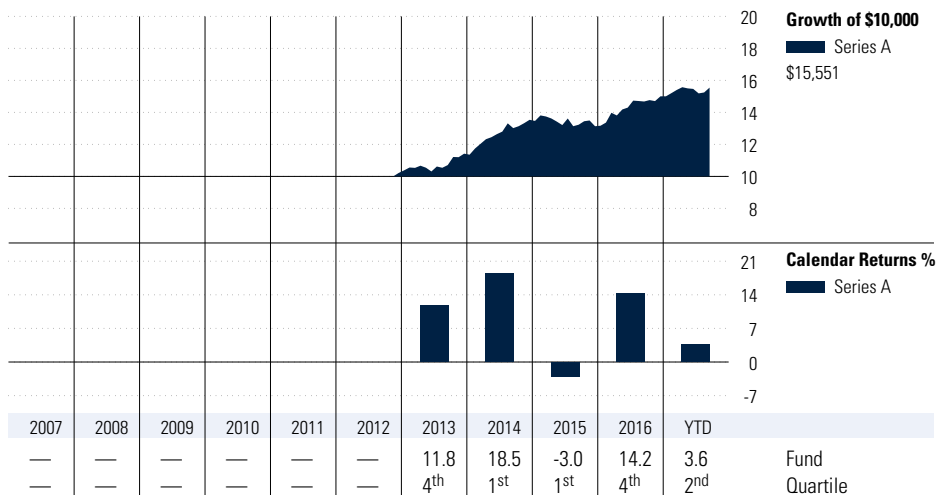
### Global Equity Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Financials	25.2
Consumer Staples	11.9
Energy	11.4
Industrials	11.4
Utilities	10.6
Real Estate	9.8
Telecommunication Services	9.2
Consumer Discretionary	6.3
Materials	2.0
Information Technology	1.6
Health Care	0.8
Unclassified	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

Company	% Assets
Royal Bank of Canada	5.2
Bank of Nova Scotia	5.1
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	4.2
Imperial Oil Ltd	4.2
Canadian National Railway Co	4.1
TELUS Corp	4.0
Saputo Inc	3.9
BCE Inc	3.9
George Weston Ltd	3.9
Bank of Montreal	3.7
CAE Inc	3.5
Hydro One Ltd	3.4
Power Financial Corp	3.4
Intact Financial Corp	3.2
Riocan Real Estate Investment Trust	3.1
Keyera Corp	2.5
Shaw Communications Inc Class B	2.5
Metro Inc	2.2
TransCanada Corp	2.1
Toromont Industries Ltd	2.0
H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	1.8
Suncor Energy Inc	1.8
First Capital Realty Inc	1.7
Fortis Inc	1.6
Maple Leaf Foods Inc	1.6
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	78.5
Total Number of Stock Holdings	74
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>75</b>

## Performance Analysis as of September 30, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
2.0	0.5	0.9	5.9	6.1	—	—	9.8	Fund
4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	—	Quartile
609	606	596	575	415	302	141	—	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 September 30, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	0.56	0.28	0.69	0.19	0.04	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	0.14	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	0.40	0.20	0.59	0.12	0.03	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	8-2014	26.3	8-2016	11.8	—	—	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-3.3	8-2017	4.6	—	—	—	—
Average		10.1		9.0				
No. of Periods		47		23				
Pct. Positive		91.5		100.0				

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The Canadian equity market, as measured by the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, exceeded most global markets over the past quarter. Persistently improving oil prices, positive economic results and a strong Canadian dollar were the main drivers responsible for the outperformance. Oil prices increased as result of declining inventory levels which elevated stock prices for many producers in the industry. The Financials industry performance for the period raised the level of the Canadian index as well. The Bank of Canada's most recent interest rate hike on the back of a strong gross domestic product report has boded well for numerous stocks in the industry.

In the Consumer Staples sector, a position in Weston held back the Fund's returns. The Consumer Discretionary sector also weighed on performance, as a position in Cineplex had a large

negative impact during the period.

In the Energy sector, the Fund's overweight position in Imperial Oil added significantly to returns. Various positions in the Financials sector also aided performance, with a contribution from a holding in Intact Financial.

Global growth has continued in developed and emerging markets. Many major economies around the world are operating close to full capacity. Monetary stimulus around the globe is beginning to be unwound yet inflation remains pacified. The current capital markets climate is encouraging for stocks although the business cycle is beginning to show signs of ageing. Fortunately, equity prices remain compelling the recent trend in growth will likely persist in the near term.



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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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