

# RBC U.S. Small-Cap Core Equity Fund



## Investment objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of U.S. small-cap companies in order to provide broad exposure to economic growth opportunities in the equity markets.

## Fund details

Series	Load structure	Currency	Fund code
A	No load	CAD	RBF493

Inception date	January 2012
Total fund assets \$MM	210.6
Series A NAV \$	22.46
Series A MER %	2.06

Income distribution	Annually
Capital gains distribution	Annually
Sales status	Open
Minimum investment \$	500
Subsequent investment \$	25
Risk rating	Medium to High
Fund category	U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity

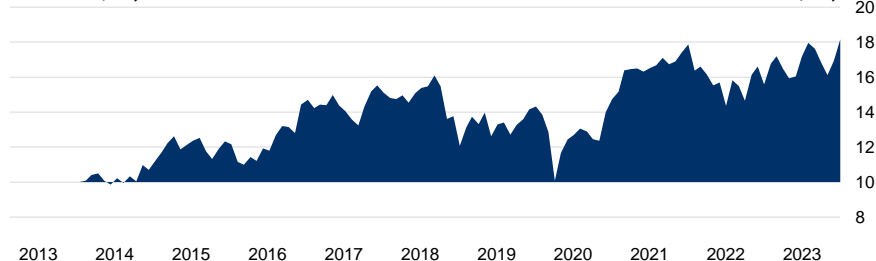
## Benchmark

100% Russell 2000 Index (C\$)

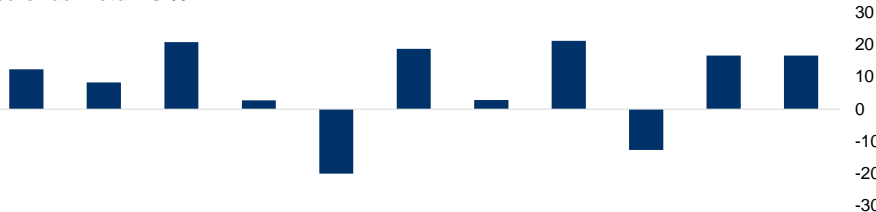
## Performance analysis for Series A as of December 31, 2023

### Growth of \$10,000

Series A \$18,162



### Calendar returns %

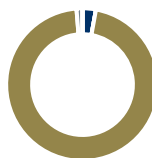


2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	YTD	
12.4	8.3	20.8	2.7	-20.1	18.7	2.8	21.2	-12.8	16.6	16.6	Fund
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Quartile

1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since incep.	Trailing return %
7.3	7.8	5.8	16.6	7.2	8.5	6.1	8.9	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	—	Quartile
289	289	285	285	247	179	116	—	# of funds in category

## Portfolio analysis as of December 31, 2023

### Asset mix



	% Assets
Cash	2.8
Fixed income	0.0
Canadian equities	0.0
U.S. equities	95.9
European equities	1.3
Asia-Pacific equities	0.0
Emerging markets equities	0.0
Other	0.0

### Equity style

Large	0	0	0
Mid	0	2	6
Small	30	42	20

Value Blend Growth

### Equity characteristics

Weight %	
● > 50	
● 25-50	
● 10-25	
○ 0-10	
Dividend yield (%)	1.1
Price to earnings ratio (forward)	12.8
Price to book ratio	2.0
Weighted average market capitalization (\$Bn)	5.4

## Portfolio analysis continued as of December 31, 2023

Top 25 holdings	% Assets	Equity sector allocation											
Atkore Inc	3.8	Industrials	27.7										
Compass Diversified Holdings	3.4	Consumer Discretionary	15.6										
Group 1 Automotive Inc	3.4	Information Technology	14.6										
Ducommun Inc	3.2	Financials	10.0										
Barrett Business Services Inc	3.0	Health Care	9.7										
Super Micro Computer Inc	2.9	Energy	8.2										
Taylor Morrison Home Corp	2.9	Real Estate	4.4										
Matador Resources Co	2.6	Materials	4.2										
CBIZ Inc	2.6	Communication Services	2.3										
Par Pacific Holdings Inc	2.4	Consumer Staples	2.2										
Magnolia Oil & Gas Corp - Class A Shares	2.3	Utilities	0.9										
Insteel Industries Inc	2.3	Unclassified	0.0										
Nexstar Media Group Inc	2.3												
Columbus McKinnon Corp/NY	2.2												
Koppers Holdings Inc	2.2												
Arcosa Inc	2.1												
Onto Innovation Inc	2.0												
Patrick Industries Inc	2.0												
Lantheus Holdings Inc	1.9												
Materion Corp	1.9												
ACCO Brands Corp	1.9												
Deckers Outdoor Corp	1.8												
Hudson Technologies Inc	1.8												
EastGroup Properties Inc	1.8												
MiMedx Group Inc	1.8												
Total % of top 25 holdings	60.4												
<b>Total number of stock holdings</b>	<b>64</b>												

Distributions (\$)/unit*	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canadian dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign taxes paid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital gains	—	0.40	1.10	—	—	0.79	0.50	—	—	0.27	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>—</b>

\*Income type characterization and foreign taxes paid for the previous year, are reported at or around January month-end. Distributions reported are for the same series as the performance analysis. For distributions on other series please visit [rbcgam.com/funds](http://rbcgam.com/funds).

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Lance is Senior Equity Portfolio Manager, U.S. Equities Core and Value at RBC GAM U.S. He has been in the investment industry since 1980. Before joining the firm in 2006, Lance was a portfolio manager and research analyst for two large investment management companies, where he served as head of their small-/mid-cap value team. Lance earned a BA in Economics from Princeton University and an MBA in Finance from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

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