



# 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
A	No Load	USD	RBF543
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF893
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF793
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF093
Adv	Front End	USD	RBF6543
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4543

Inception Date	January 2012
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	222.9
Series A NAV \$	20.59
Series A MER %	2.05
Benchmark	Russell 2000 Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	US Small/Mid Cap Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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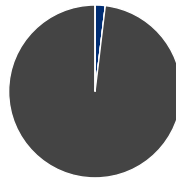
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## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF493).

## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2017

### Asset Mix

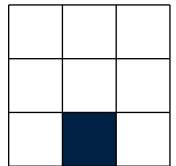


	% Assets
Cash	1.9
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	98.1
International Equity	0.0
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Patrick Industries Inc	4.8
Compass Diversified Holdings	3.7
Columbus McKinnon Corp	3.2
LCI Industries Inc	2.8
Grand Canyon Education Inc	2.8
MKS Instruments Inc	2.8
Universal Electronics Inc	2.7
ACCO Brands Corp	2.4
NN Inc	2.3
InterDigital Inc	2.3
Gray Television Inc	2.1
EnerSys	2.0
Greenbrier Companies Inc	2.0
AMERISAFE Inc	2.0
Coherent Inc	2.0
Ring Energy Inc	1.9
Emergent BioSolutions Inc	1.8
Chemical Financial Corp	1.8
Texas Capital Bancshares Inc	1.7
Wintrust Financial Corp	1.7
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc	1.7
Lydall Inc	1.6
Tyler Technologies Inc	1.6
United Community Banks Inc	1.6
Pacific Premier Bancorp Inc	1.5
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	56.8
Total Number of Stock Holdings	2,016
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	7
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>2,023</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

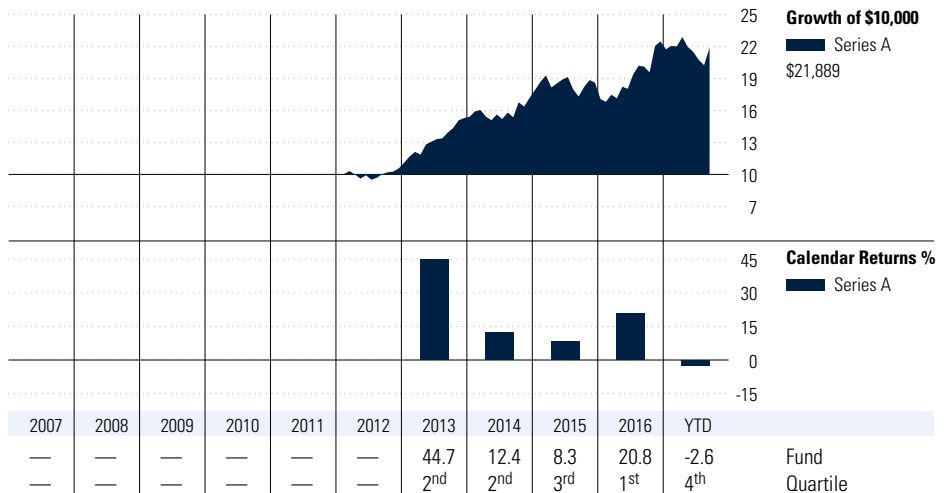
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	2.4
P/E Ratio	20.5
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	2.0

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Industrials	27.5
Consumer Discretionary	21.3
Financials	18.1
Information Technology	12.2
Health Care	6.3
Materials	5.3
Energy	4.3
Real Estate	1.9
Utilities	1.5
Telecommunication Services	1.1
Consumer Staples	0.4
Unclassified	0.0

## 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 %
Fund	8.2	1.8	-0.5	8.9	12.5	16.9	—	14.8	Fund
Quartile	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	270	266	259	253	154	104	51	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Lance F. James

##### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Lance F. James is Managing Director and Senior Portfolio Manager with RBC GAM-US since 2006. Before joining RBC GAM-US in 2006, Mr. James was a portfolio manager and research analyst for Babson Capital Management and OFI Institutional Asset Management, affiliates of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, from 1986-2006. During his tenure with these firms, he served as head of their small/mid cap value team.

#### Stephen E. Kylander

##### RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

Stephen E. Kylander is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager. He has been in the investment industry since 1986.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of September 30, 2017

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	—	—	0.27	0.11	0.35	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	0.27	0.11	0.35	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	11-2013	46.9	7-2015	26.3	4-2017	18.0	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-10.1	8-2017	8.6	8-2017	15.9	—	—
Average		18.3		16.4		17.0		
No. of Periods		57		33		9		
Pct. Positive		89.5		100.0		100.0		

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

The U.S. economic growth acceleration that began in the middle of last year has largely continued into Q3. Major equity indices hit record highs in Q3, shrugging off escalating geo-political tensions between the U.S. and North Korea as well as two consecutive category 4 hurricanes that ravaged the south. However, the preference for “risk off” sectors of the market has been an important theme this year and continued for the most part in Q3 as Washington’s continued lack of clarity or action on any major pro-growth fiscal policies promised by the Trump administration has weighed on the more economically sensitive areas of the market.

The Fund’s outperformance was driven by favorable stock selection, while sector allocation decisions had a modestly positive impact. Favorable stock selection in the Consumer Discretionary, Materials, and Telecommunication Services sectors contributed the most to returns and outweighed adverse stock selection in the

Industrials and Financials sectors. In terms of sector allocation, significant overweight to the strong performing Industrials sector aided returns. At the end of Q3 we started to see a shift in market leadership from large caps to small caps and from growth to value stocks as well as a reversal to more “risk-on” sentiment, all of which benefitted the Fund.

The Fund focuses on neglected small cap companies with attractive long-term fundamentals, near-term profitability improvement potential, and low relative valuations. The strategy emphasizes market leaders with proven products or services, sustainable competitive advantages, solid balance sheets, and attractive cash flows. Downside protection is sought through a superior return on equity and balance sheet profile of the portfolio compared to the index and the market leadership positions of most portfolio companies.



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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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