



# 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	213.9
Series A NAV \$	20.21
Series A MER %	2.11
Series A Adjusted 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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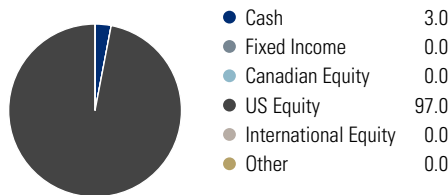
Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

## Notes

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

## Portfolio Analysis as of June 30, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



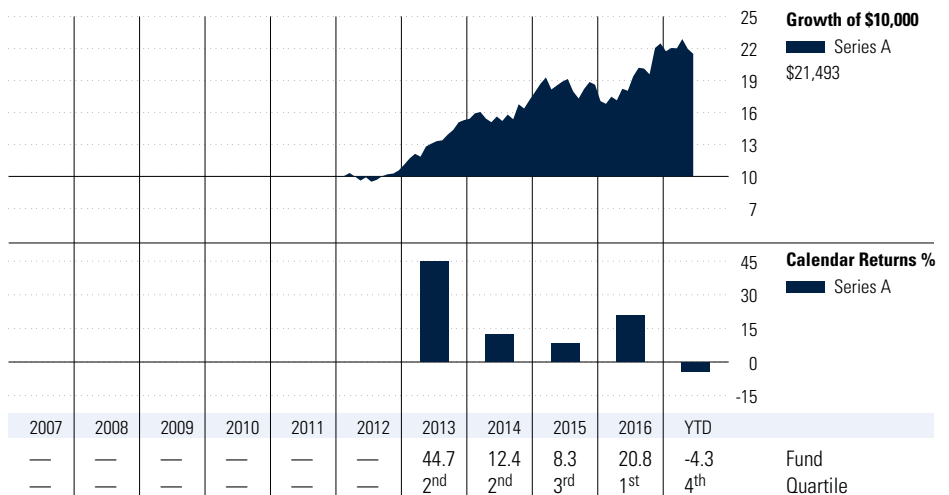
### Global Equity Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Industrials	27.6
Consumer Discretionary	19.9
Financials	18.4
Information Technology	13.5
Health Care	6.9
Materials	4.7
Energy	4.0
Real Estate	2.0
Utilities	1.5
Telecommunication Services	1.0
Consumer Staples	0.5
Unclassified	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

Company	% Assets
Patrick Industries Inc	4.2
Compass Diversified Holdings	3.6
Universal Electronics Inc	3.0
LCI Industries Inc	2.7
EnerSys	2.6
West Pharmaceutical Services Inc	2.6
Grand Canyon Education Inc	2.5
ACCO Brands Corp	2.5
MKS Instruments Inc	2.4
InterDigital Inc	2.2
Tyler Technologies Inc	2.2
Columbus McKinnon Corp	2.0
AMERISAFE Inc	2.0
NN Inc	1.8
Insteel Industries Inc	1.8
United Community Banks Inc	1.7
Greenbrier Companies Inc	1.7
AZZ Inc	1.7
Astronics Corp	1.7
Coherent Inc	1.7
Wintrust Financial Corp	1.6
Ring Energy Inc	1.6
Lydall Inc	1.6
Chemical Financial Corp	1.6
Fox Factory Holding Corp	1.6
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	54.7
Total Number of Stock Holdings	2,024
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	6
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>2,030</b>

## Performance Analysis as of June 30, 2017



Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trading Return %
Fund	-2.1	-2.3	-4.3	19.2	11.2	16.7	—	15.1	Fund
Quartile	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	272	265	260	255	159	103	48	—	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. He has been in the investment industry since 1980.

#### 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 June 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	10-2016	10.9	3-2017	16.4	—	—
Average		19.1		17.0		17.2		—
No. of Periods		54		30		6		—
Pct. Positive		88.9		100.0		100.0		—

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2017

Broad equity markets continued their march upward in Q2. Small cap and value stocks continued to trail their large cap and growth counterparts as investors grappled with the uncertainty surrounding the new administration's ability to execute on its pro-growth policy changes. Despite these challenges, markets have remained resilient on the back of modestly accelerating economic growth and broadly positive leading economic indicators, so called "soft data" – though it remains to be seen how long this upward trend can persist without "hard data" following the leading indicators' move upward and earnings growth accelerating meaningfully.

The Fund's underperformance was primarily due to adverse stock selection, while overall sector allocation decisions had a moderately negative impact on returns. Adverse stock selection in the Industrials, Information Technology, and Financials sectors detracted the most from returns and outweighed strong stock selection in the Energy sector. In terms of sector allocation, the strategy's significant underweight to the strong performing

Health Care sector detracted from performance. Despite the challenging market environment, the team remains confident that they can outperform the benchmark in 2017 due to the conviction in the fundamentals of the companies we hold and our positioning versus the index.

The Fund's strategy 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. While sector weightings are a result of bottom-up research and stock selection, the strategy remains positioned for economic recovery with overweight positions in the economically sensitive industrials, materials, and consumer discretionary sectors. The Fund seeks downside protection through a superior return on equity and balance sheet profile compared to the index and the market leadership positions of most portfolio companies.



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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 full-year period, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, 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.

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