



# RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of companies located or active in emerging markets.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF499
A	No Load	USD	RBF416
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF899
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF798
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF099
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4416
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF5499

Inception Date	December 2009
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	3,788.4
Series A NAV \$	17.64
Series A MER %	2.43
Benchmark	MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Net Index (\$C)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	Emerging Markets Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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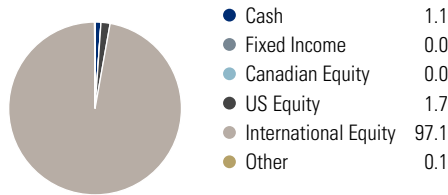
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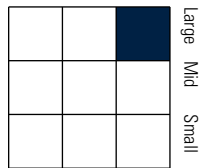
Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF499).

## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

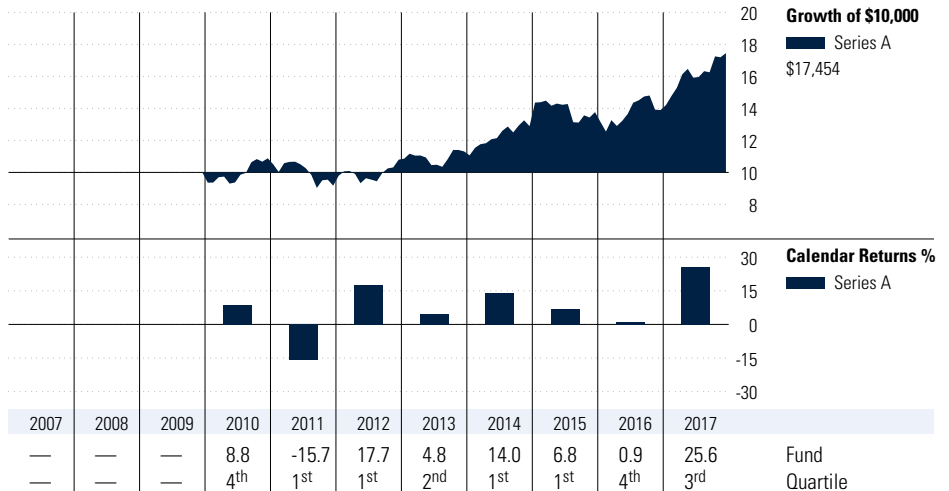
### Top 5 Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Financials	27.7
Information Technology	23.4
Consumer Discretionary	14.7
Consumer Staples	14.0
Industrials	6.9

### Geographic Allocations

Region	% Assets
China	16.1
South Africa	13.7
India	12.5
South Korea	10.6
Taiwan	9.2

## Performance Analysis as of December 31, 2017



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
1.5	7.4	9.6	25.6	10.6	10.1	—	7.5	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	Quartile
250	249	246	218	156	108	50	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Philippe Langham

#### RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

Philippe Langham is Head of Emerging Markets Equities & Senior Portfolio Manager. He has worked in the investment industry since 1992 and in 2009 joined RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited to establish and lead the team that manages RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund. Prior to RBC, Philippe was Head of Global Emerging Markets with Société Générale Asset Management S.A., August 2007 to August 2009. Philippe is a graduate of the University of Manchester in England, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics. He is also a qualified Chartered Accountant.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	—	0.08	0.00	—	0.01	—	0.05	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	0.08	0.00	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.05	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	1-2015	29.8	5-2015	15.3	5-2017	12.1	—	—
Worst	12-2011	-15.7	9-2013	0.6	4-2016	3.9	—	—
Average		7.6		8.0		7.9		—
No. of Periods		85		61		37		—
Pct. Positive		78.8		100.0		100.0		—

\* Final distribution attribution (interest, dividends, capital gains and return of capital) for 2017 will be reflected with January month-end profiles.

### Quarterly Commentary as at December 31, 2017

Emerging markets (EM) continued to outperform developed markets in Q4, although there was a brief period of underperformance in November as the EM Information Technology sector failed to maintain its strong year-to-date performance. Commodities had notable gains over the period, with crude oil and metals rising significantly.

At the country level, South Africa, Greece and India were the best performing countries, while Malta, Mexico and Pakistan were the worst. At the sector level Health Care and Consumer Discretionary were the best performing sectors, while Utilities and Telecommunication Services underperformed.

Strong stock selection and an overweight position in South Africa contributed positively to overall returns due to the positive political developments following Cyril Ramaphosa's election as President of the African National Congress. Despite its weaker performance compared to preceding periods, Information Technology continued to negatively impact the Fund as we do not hold Tencent. The stock returned over 20% in the quarter and was the biggest detractor from

relative returns. The Fund is exposed to Tencent through its holding in Naspers and as a result Consumer Discretionary was the largest contributor to returns over the period.

South African companies FirstRand and Naspers were the top performers, helped by the improving political situation. Naspers also delivered strong results which highlighted an acceleration in the growth of its e-commerce business. AIA Group, the Asian insurance provider benefitted from an announcement that the Chinese government plans to gradually remove the limit on foreign ownership. Retailer Clicks and not owning Steinhoff also contributed.

In addition to Tencent, the main detractors were Delta Electronics Thailand, whose share price declined after disappointing Q3 2017 results, and Banco Bradesco which suffered alongside the broader Brazilian market amid concerns that the government would not be able to pursue its reforms agenda. Holdings in Unilever and Magnit were other notable detractors.



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