



# RBC Canadian Small & Mid-Cap Resources Fund

## Investment Objective

The fund invests primarily in small- and mid-cap equity securities of companies listed on an exchange in Canada within the Energy and Materials sector. The fund may invest no more than 10% of its assets in foreign securities.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF527

Inception Date	February 2015
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	307.0
Series A NAV \$	7.66
Series A MER %	2.02
Benchmark	S&P/TSX SmallCap Index (CAD)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

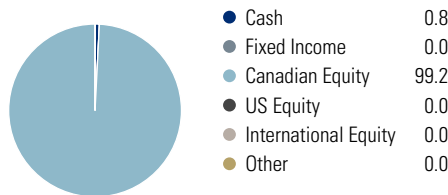
Fund Category	Natural Resources Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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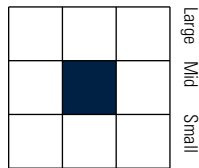
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## Portfolio Analysis as of September 30, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

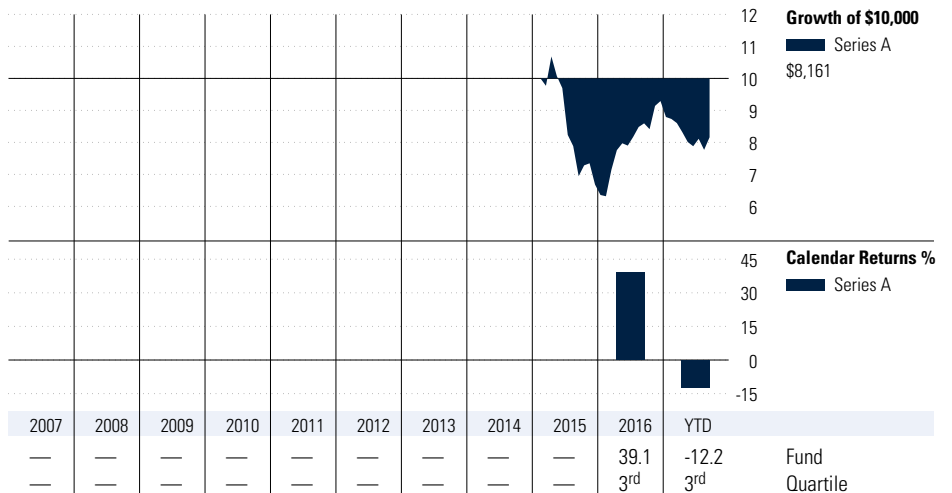
### Global Equity Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Energy	59.3
Materials	40.7
Industrials	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0
Consumer Staples	0.0
Health Care	0.0
Financials	0.0
Information Technology	0.0
Telecommunication Services	0.0
Utilities	0.0
Real Estate	0.0
Unclassified	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

Company	% Assets
Methanex Corp	5.8
West Fraser Timber Co.Ltd	5.8
Lundin Mining Corp	5.8
Vermilion Energy Inc	5.2
Seven Generations Energy Ltd	5.2
Enerplus Corp	4.9
Parex Resources Inc	4.4
Whitecap Resources Inc	4.3
PrairieSky Royalty Ltd	3.7
Tourmaline Oil Corp	3.5
Kelt Exploration Ltd	3.4
Interfor Corp	3.0
NuVista Energy Ltd	2.9
Peyto Exploration & Development Corp	2.9
Enerflex Ltd	2.7
Trican Well Service Ltd	2.6
Paramount Resources Ltd A	2.6
Hudbay Minerals Inc	2.3
Birchcliff Energy Ltd	2.3
Norbord Inc	2.2
Winpak Ltd	2.2
Trevali Mining Corp	2.2
Raging River Exploration Inc	2.2
Stella-Jones Inc	1.9
Shawcor Ltd Class A	1.8
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	86.0
Total Number of Stock Holdings	40
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>41</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 %
5.1	3.6	-5.2	-5.1	—	—	—	-9.3	Fund
1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	—	—	—	Quartile
142	142	140	139	107	93	57	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Chris Beer

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Chris Beer is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Canadian and Global Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1993.

#### Brahm Spilfogel

##### RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

Brahm Spilfogel is Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager, Global Equities. He has been in the investment industry since 1991.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	—	0.07	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	0.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	0.06	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	12-2016	39.1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worst	2-2016	-36.8	—	—	—	—	—	—
Average		3.5						
No. of Periods		20						
Pct. Positive		50.0						

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at September 30, 2017

Crude oil prices rose to the US\$50 level after a challenging Q2 and North American natural gas prices remained stable. However, the outlook for Canadian natural gas prices became increasingly uncertain as infrastructure bottlenecks and rising production forecasts drove future prices lower, which was reflected in Fund holding Birchcliff, negatively impacting performance. However, this was somewhat offset by our underweight positions in gas producers, Tourmaline Oil Corp and Advantage Oil & Gas, which both meaningfully underperformed the market. Our overweight position in Seven Generations detracted from performance after it fell following delivery of lowered production growth outlook.

The Materials segment of the Fund was up while the benchmark was up slightly higher. Asset weighting in the Commodity Chemicals, Containers and Packaging and Paper and Forest Segments drove the miss. Underweights in Methanex and Chemtrade detracted from performance as they rallied with the price of oil. Label maker CCL, and tape producer Intertape experienced highs near the start of the quarter, however quickly weakened

on fears of surging raw material prices resulting from the hurricanes.

Copper and Zinc rallied in the quarter as weaker USD, Chinese demand strength helped certain Commodities. Overweights in Lundin Mining, Hudbay Minerals as well as Trevali helped offset some of the negative performance. The Electric Vehicle theme took hold as graphite strengthened this quarter and an overweight position in Mason Graphite benefited performance.

A decision by OPEC in November to extend its production cuts would likely be viewed positively for crude oil prices as well as capital restraint by U.S. exploration & production companies with 2018 budgets and production growth targets. Assuming global inventories continue to decline, the Portfolio Manager sees the potential for gains in oil prices and energy-equity prices during Q4 and into 2018. The Portfolio Manager's approach remains to invest in companies with high-quality assets, strong management and the ability to finance growth projects.



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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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