



# RBC O'Shaughnessy U.S. Growth Fund

## Investment Objective

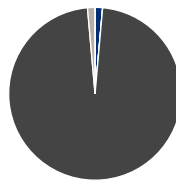
To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. companies based on Strategy Indexing®, a rigorous and disciplined approach to stock selection based on characteristics associated with above-average returns over long periods of time.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF551
Inception Date		November 1997	
Total Fund Assets \$Mil		114.0	
Series A NAV \$		17.19	
Series A MER %		1.54	
Benchmark		Russell 2000 Growth Index (US\$)	
Income Distribution		Annually	
Capital Gains Distribution		Annually	
Sales Status		Open	
Min. Investment \$		500	
Subsequent Investment \$		25	
Fund Category		US Small/Mid Cap Equity	
Management Company		RBC Global Asset Management Inc.	
Web Site		www.rbcgam.com	

## Portfolio Analysis as of March 31, 2018

### Asset Mix

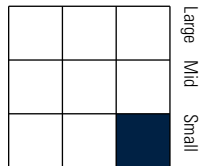


	% Assets
Cash	1.4
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.0
US Equity	97.2
International Equity	1.4
Other	0.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% Assets
Cabot Microelectronics Corp	2.2
New York Times Co Class A	1.9
Inogen Inc	1.9
Medifast Inc	1.8
Enanta Pharmaceuticals Inc	1.7
Blucora Inc	1.6
Alamo Group Inc	1.5
Progress Software Corp	1.5
Penn National Gaming Inc	1.4
Stamps.com Inc	1.3
Aaron's Inc	1.1
Phibro Animal Health Corp Class A	1.1
On Assignment	1.1
SP Plus Corp	1.1
Bottomline Technologies Inc	1.1
Boise Cascade Co	1.0
CVR Energy Inc	1.0
Atrion Corp	1.0
TechTarget Inc	1.0
The RMR Group Inc A	1.0
ION Geophysical Corp	1.0
Sanderson Farms Inc	1.0
Vonage Holdings Corp	1.0
Emergent BioSolutions Inc	1.0
Chemed Corp	1.0
Total % of Top 25 Holdings	32.3
Total Number of Stock Holdings	179
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>180</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

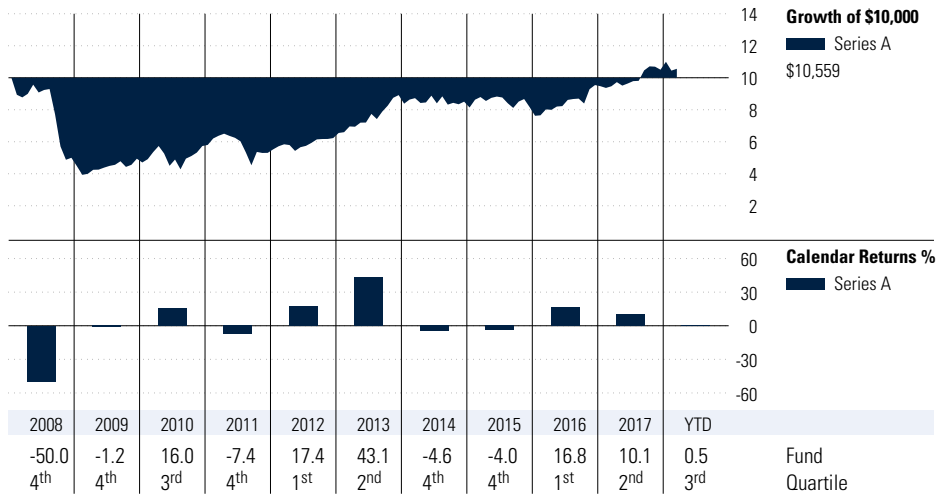
### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	3.3
P/E Ratio	20.1
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	2.1

### Global Equity Sectors

	% Equity
Information Technology	24.8
Health Care	19.7
Industrials	16.7
Consumer Discretionary	16.3
Financials	8.0
Materials	5.3
Consumer Staples	3.9
Energy	2.4
Telecommunication Services	1.5
Real Estate	1.4
Utilities	0.0
Unclassified	0.0

## Performance Analysis as of March 31, 2018



1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
1.1	0.5	1.0	11.5	6.3	8.7	1.9	4.2	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	—	Quartile
292	292	269	255	180	102	58	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Jim P. O'Shaughnessy

##### O'Shaughnessy Asset Management

Jim O'Shaughnessy is the Chairman, Chief Investment Officer and Portfolio Manager at O'Shaughnessy Asset Management (OSAM). Jim is ultimately responsible for OSAM's investment strategies and is an equity owner in OSAM and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Prior to founding OSAM, Jim was the Director of Systematic Equity at Bear Stearns Asset Management and a Senior Managing Director of the firm. Prior to Bear Stearns, he was the CEO and Chairman of O'Shaughnessy Capital Management (Netfolio).

#### Patrick O'Shaughnessy

##### O'Shaughnessy Asset Management

Patrick O'Shaughnessy is the Chief Executive Officer at O'Shaughnessy Asset Management (OSAM). Patrick oversees the day-to-day business of the firm, directing OSAM's initiatives in the areas of research and portfolio management, investor education and client service and relationships. He also serves as a Portfolio Manager. Prior to his role as CEO, Patrick spent 11 years on OSAM's Research & Portfolio Management team, working to improve the firm's investment strategies.

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of March 31, 2018

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

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	3-2000	64.9	3-2006	32.0	2-2014	17.0	8-2008	11.0
Worst	2-2009	-56.0	3-2009	-29.0	9-2011	-14.9	8-2010	-4.9
Average		7.5		6.4		5.7		1.0
No. of Periods		233		209		185		125
Pct. Positive		64.8		77.5		68.1		52.8

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

### Quarterly Commentary as at March 31, 2018

In Q1, the Fund had overweight exposure to high Momentum stocks, the primary stock selection factor. When seeking high Momentum stocks, we eliminate extremely expensive names based on valuation relative to sales, earnings and cash flows. The strategy screens out the most poorly ranked names through Earnings Quality, Financial Strength and Earnings Growth. The performance of these quality themes was mixed for the quarter and overall slightly detracted.

Overall allocation effects and overall security-selection effects detracted from returns for the first quarter. Within security selection, holdings in Consumer Staples, Industrials and Energy aided returns while Information Technology, Health Care and Materials detracted from returns. An underweight allocation to Real Estate contributed to performance while an underweight allocation to Health Care and overweight allocations to Energy and Consumer Discretionary detracted from

performance.

Above all else, we believe long-term success derives from building a portfolio around proven stock selection factors, measured using key selection criteria such as quality, valuation and momentum. Based on these key themes, the strategy is very well positioned versus its benchmark and relative to the overall market. The portfolio's companies have higher momentum as well as lower debt ratios, and trade at deep discounts across a number of valuation factors. They are also less dilutive to shareholders than the average company in the Index.

These combined advantages can only be delivered by a portfolio which is distinct from the benchmark. Our active share of 83% means that the portfolio continues to represent a unique take on its opportunity set versus the benchmark.



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