



# RBC Global Dividend Growth Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing in equity securities of a diversified mix of companies operating in various countries around the world across a range of sectors.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF565
A	No Load	USD	RBF414
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF803
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF703
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF176
Adv	Low Load	USD	RBF4414
T5	No Load	CAD	RBF540
T8	No Load	CAD	RBF600

Inception Date	December 2000
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	2,783.7
Series A NAV \$	14.80
Series A MER %	2.14
Benchmark	MSCI World Total Return Net Index (C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

Fund Category	Global Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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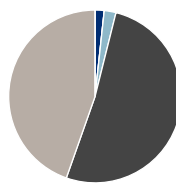
## Notes

Performance Analysis is in CAD and for CAD series A fund (RBF565).

This is a continuing fund resulting from a merger effective June 27, 2014.

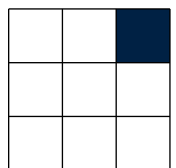
## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



	% Assets
Cash	1.7
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	2.2
US Equity	51.5
International Equity	44.6
Other	0.0

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	3.7
P/E Ratio	20.5
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	85.7

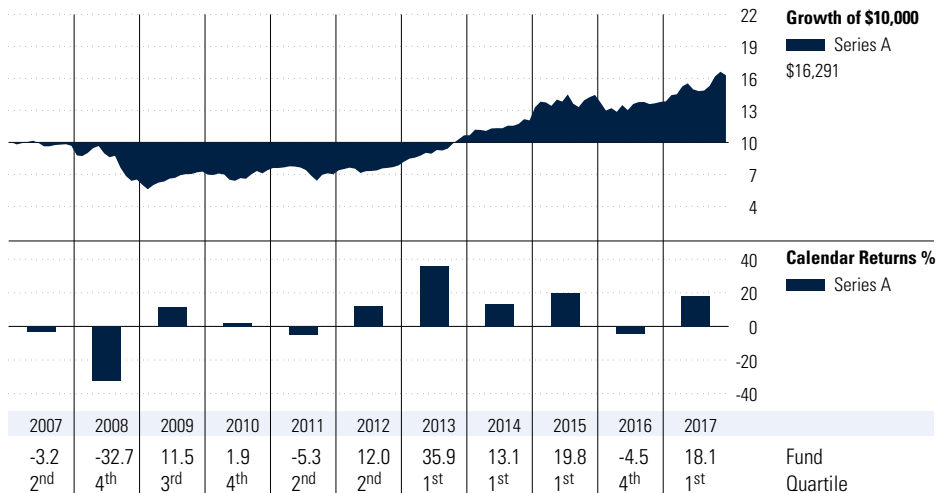
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Financials	19.9
Information Technology	15.8
Health Care	14.0
Consumer Staples	11.0
Consumer Discretionary	10.7

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
United States	52.4
United Kingdom	12.0
Japan	5.5
Taiwan	4.7
Germany	4.4

## 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 %
-2.0	6.5	8.8	18.1	10.5	15.7	5.3	4.1	Fund
4 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	—	Quartile
1762	1674	1649	1525	1034	748	363	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### Habib Subjally

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

Habib has served as Head of Global Equities and leader of this team since 2006. Prior to that, he held positions at Credit Suisse (Head of Small & Mid Cap Research), Invesco (Head of Global Equities), Merrill Lynch Investment Managers (Head of North American and Global Equities Research, and Manager, Mercury Global Titans Fund) and Ernst & Young. Habib holds a BSc (Hons) from the London School of Economics and the Chartered Accountant and ASIP designations.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	0.10	0.12	1.30	1.28	0.03	0.05	0.06	—	0.07	0.03	0.53
Interest	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.13	0.03	0.05	0.06	—	0.07	0.03	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	0.09	0.10	1.28	1.15	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.53
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	12-2013	35.9	7-2015	25.6	7-2015	16.9	11-2017	5.4
Worst	2-2009	-35.7	5-2010	-13.8	2-2009	-8.2	9-2011	-1.9
Average		5.0		5.6		5.2		2.7
No. of Periods		193		169		145		85
Pct. Positive		64.8		75.1		60.7		74.1

\* 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

U.K. listed hotel franchise operator InterContinental Hotels was the biggest contributor to returns. The company performed strongly on the back of robust franchise fees and the perception that the company stands to benefit from U.S. tax reform. U.S. producer of nitrogen fertiliser CF Industries performed well at the end of the quarter due to a supportive environment for materials. U.S. cosmetics producer Estee Lauder was also positive for returns and has posted some very healthy numbers in 2017 with the business performing especially well in Asia.

The biggest detractor from returns over the quarter was U.S. bank First Republic which has seen costs and competition rise, having a detrimental effect on 2017 earnings. Global brewer AB InBev has seen a slight fall in U.S. beer volumes and also suffered supply disruptions in its largest market, the U.S., after the summer's storms. U.S. alternative asset manager Blackstone fell in concert with U.S.-listed private equity companies over concerns about the tax treatment of offshore

insurance subsidiaries.

All the major economies performed strongly with growth and inflation returning. The Trump regime in the U.S. appears to have settled and the first pieces of meaningful legislation have emerged. Despite signs of discontent, the political unrest predicted at the end of 2016 has failed to materialise. Technical factors are also in the frame and, with so much of the market now held passively, there is little price discovery and concomitant volatility in equity prices. A weak U.S. dollar has also helped.

As always the RBC Global Equity team remains committed to the discovery of companies that we deem to be future success stories. We are constantly searching for compelling long-term opportunities at the right valuations whilst avoiding those businesses that are overvalued or optically cheap but fundamentally flawed.



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