



# RBC Global Resources Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing in equity securities of companies around the world in any or all of the Energy, Materials, Industrials, and Utilities sectors. The fund will invest in companies that are involved directly or indirectly in the exploration, development, production or distribution of natural or other resources.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF575
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF811
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF711
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF181

Inception Date	December 2000
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	163.0
Series A NAV \$	35.94
Series A MER %	2.15
Benchmark	65% MSCI World - Energy 35% MSCI World - Materials (measured in C\$)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

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

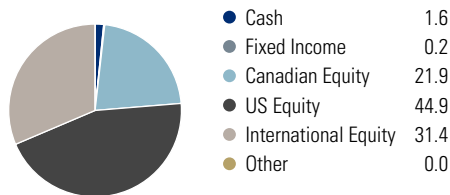
Fund Category	Natural Resources Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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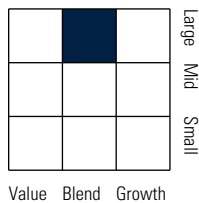
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## Portfolio Analysis as of December 31, 2017

### Asset Mix



### Equity Style



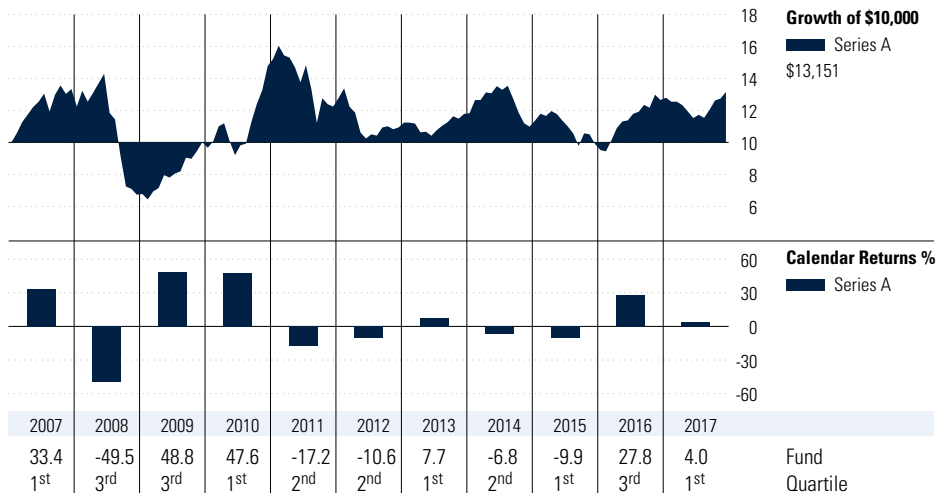
### Top 5 Sectors

Sector	% Equity
Energy	50.7
Materials	49.3
Industrials	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0
Consumer Staples	0.0

### Geographic Allocations

Region	% Assets
United States	45.7
Canada	22.3
United Kingdom	19.3
France	4.7
Portugal	2.5

## Performance Analysis as of December 31, 2017



Period	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
Fund	3.2	9.2	14.1	4.0	6.2	3.8	-0.1	8.6	Fund
Quartile	3rd	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	—	Quartile
No. of Funds in Category	136	136	136	134	103	87	56	—	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.

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

Distributions (\$)/Unit	2017*	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Total Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.85
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.85
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	4-2006	72.0	7-2007	45.6	6-2008	36.9	2-2011	17.2
Worst	2-2009	-51.4	6-2010	-9.8	2-2016	-10.1	7-2017	-1.1
Average		12.3		12.5		12.7		10.2
No. of Periods		193		169		145		85
Pct. Positive		66.3		69.2		79.3		90.6

\* 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

The Energy sector delivered robust returns in Q4. The oil price reclaimed the psychologically important US\$50 per barrel mark and even surpassed US\$60 to close 2017 at a multi-year high. Natural gas prices remained within a trading range around US\$3.00 per million Btu, but received a boost from widespread, colder-than-normal temperatures in December. Recently, there have been positive signs that global excess crude inventories are beginning to rebalance, although inventories still remain above normalized levels.

The Materials sector delivered strong results in Q4. Robust moves in the underlying commodities like Iron Ore which was up 21% and Copper which was up 11.6% due to strong fundamental demand and a weaker U.S. currency. Electric Vehicle themed commodities such as Lithium also strengthened on the back of solid demand also helped the fund this quarter.

The Fund's relative performance versus the benchmark was positively impacted by exposure to high-quality exploration and production companies

which rallied strongly on crude oil's gains. Overweight positions in Diamondback Energy and Concho Resources, with acreage positions in the Permian Basin, were amongst the largest contributors to performance, as were Encana and Parex Resources. Overweights in Nemaska Lithium, Neo Lithium and Major Diversifieds like BHP and Rio Tinto helped the Fund outperform.

The portfolio manager believes that OPEC's November extension limiting production until the end of 2018 should help to accelerate inventory rebalancing. It is now anticipated that global inventories should gradually return to normalized levels in the second half of 2018, even with incremental growth from U.S. on-shore basins. Assuming global inventories continue to decline, the portfolio manager sees the potential for gains in oil prices and energy-equity prices during 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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