

# **RBC U.S. Equity Currency Neutral Fund**

### **Investment Objective**

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in U.S. equity investments and common stock equivalents, while minimizing the exposure to currency fluctuations between the U.S. and Canadian dollars.

### **Fund Details**

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
Α	No Load	CAD	RBF588
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	RBF859
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF768
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF133

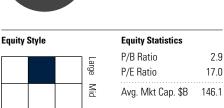
Inception Date	January 2006
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	40.8
Series A NAV \$	14.69
Series A MER %	1.94
Benchmark	S&P 500 Total Return Index (US\$)

	Index (US\$)
Income Distribution Capital Gains Distribution	Annually Annually
Sales Status Min. Investment \$ Subsequent Investment \$	Open 500 25
Fund Category	US Equity

Management Company	RBC Global Asset
	Management Inc.
Web Site	www.rbcgam.com

# Asset Mix Cash Cash Fixed Income Canadian Equity US Equity International Equity O.8 Other O.0

Portfolio Analysis as of June 30, 2018



Global Equity Sectors	% Equity
Information Technology	25.3
Health Care	16.5
Consumer Discretionary	12.5
Financials	12.3
Industrials	9.0
Energy	7.2
Consumer Staples	6.0
Real Estate	3.4
Materials	3.4
Utilities	3.4
Telecommunication Services	1.1
Unclassified	0.0





1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
-0.3	1.8	0.5	10.5	6.9	8.8	3.8	3.7	Fund
4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	_	Quartile
1446	1428	1411	1349	918	615	261	_	No. of Funds in Category



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# Management Overview

### **Manager Bios**

### **Brad Willock**

### **RBC Global Asset Management Inc.**

Brad Willock joined RBC in May 1996 and RBC Global Asset Management in July 2002. In his current role, he is responsible for core and income-oriented U.S. equity mandates. Brad has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Science, and is a CFA charterholder.

Performance Analysis	Cont'd as o	of June 30	), 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 Y	r	Ended	3 Yr	· E	nded	5 Yr	En	ded	10 Yr
Best	2-2010	38.	J 9-	-2014	17.3	2-2	2014	15.4	1-20	018	4.2
Worst	2-2009	-45.3	3 2-	-2009	-16.6	5-2	2012	-5.6	2-20	016	1.3
Average		5.1	l		4.0			5.7			2.5
No. of Periods		138	3		114			90			30
Pct. Positive		71.0	)		71.1			66.7			100.0

<sup>\*</sup> Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Quarterly Commentary as at June 30, 2018

U.S. equity markets rebounded in the second quarter. However, sustained economic growth and accelerated earnings were accompanied by higher interest rates and faster inflation, which weighed on valuations. Against this backdrop, equities require ongoing earnings growth to make the kind of headway that came so easily last year.

Security selection mildly detracted in Q2. Our overweight in the department store retailing chain, Kohl's Corp., contributed positively as the stock rose on strong earnings results. Conversely, our overweights in tobacco companies, Altria Group Inc. and Philip Morris International Inc., hurt performance. Philip Morris fell 15% earlier this year on weak earnings, largely driven by lower adoption of its smokeless product than expected in Japan. Altria serves an entirely different market,

but was also dragged down by Philip Morris's poor results. Overweights in Morgan Stanley, PNC Financial Services Group Inc. and Bank of America Corp. also detracted this quarter.

Expanding valuations have been a significant source of gains for stocks during the decade-long rally, but sustained earnings growth will be critical to drive equities to higher levels. Earnings have indeed been growing rapidly, helped by U.S. tax cuts, and expectations are for the positive trend in profits to persist. The key point is that, as long as economic growth continues and the U.S. Federal Reserve raises rates gradually, stocks are positioned to offer decent returns for the balance of 2018.



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