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December 31, 2022

**Portfolio Manager** RBC Global Asset Management Inc. ("RBC GAM")

The Board of Directors of RBC Global Asset Management Inc. approved this annual management report of fund performance on March 9, 2023.

### **A Note on Forward-looking Statements**

This report may contain forward-looking statements about the Fund, its future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future Fund action. The words "may," "could," "should," "would," "suspect," "outlook," "believe," "plan," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "forecast," "objective" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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The above list of important factors that may affect future results is not exhaustive. Before making any investment decisions, we encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully. All opinions contained in forward-looking statements are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility.

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund is a strategic asset allocation fund, which focuses on providing income and the potential for modest capital growth. The Fund maintains a balance of investments across several asset classes by investing in funds managed by RBC GAM or an affiliate of RBC GAM (called the “underlying funds”).

The Fund’s target weightings for each asset class are 75% fixed income, 10% Canadian equities, 8% U.S. equities and 7% international equities. The actual allocation to each asset class will be no more than 15% above or below its target weighting for the fixed-income asset class, and no more than 10% above or below the target weighting for the equities asset classes.

### Risk

There were no significant changes to the investment objective and strategies that affected the Fund’s overall level of risk during the reporting period. The risks of investing in the Fund and the suitability of the Fund for investors remain as discussed in the Simplified Prospectus.

### Results of Operations

The Fund’s net asset value fell to \$13.9 billion as of December 31, 2022, from \$18.4 billion at the end of 2021. The decrease was due to a combination of net redemptions and investment losses.

Over the past year, the Fund’s Series F units lost 10.3%, which outperformed the 10.6% decline in the benchmark. The broad-based index 1 fell 11.7% and the broad-based index 2 fell 5.8%. The Fund’s return is after the deduction of fees and expenses, while benchmark and broad-based index returns do not include any costs of investing. See the Financial Highlights section for the management expense ratios and the Past Performance section for the returns of any other series, which may vary because of differences in management fees and expenses.

In January 2022, interest rates were near record lows and monetary stimulus was unprecedented, helping to lift U.S. stocks to record levels as much of the Western world tried to move on from the pandemic. But Russia’s invasion of Ukraine in February helped propel rapidly rising inflation to its highest level in four decades. The response to inflation – a rapid rise in global interest rates – led to the worst year for a U.S. balanced portfolio since 1937 and marked the first time since at least 1872 that both U.S. stocks and U.S. bonds had double-digit declines. Meanwhile, Chinese President Xi’s appointment to an unprecedented third term made him the country’s most powerful political leader since the 1970s, amplifying geopolitical tensions. Toward the end of 2022, China ended strict COVID lockdowns and mass testing, risking effects that could interfere with its economy and dent global economic growth.

The Fund’s overweight position in equities and underweight position in fixed income had a positive impact on performance. Canadian government bonds posted the worst returns since 1980, as central banks in North America and Europe aggressively raised short-term interest rates to fight unacceptably high inflation. In 2022, the Bank of Canada (the “BOC”) and the U.S. Federal Reserve (the “Fed”) increased short-term interest rates seven times featuring several jumbo-sized increases, and major central banks ended bond purchases that had helped hold down longer-term rates, and started selling bonds. By year-end, economic growth and inflation showed signs of falling, although the BOC and the Fed indicated that interest rates would remain elevated until inflation was clearly weakening back toward the 2% target. Government of Canada bonds outperformed their U.S. counterparts driven by investors’ views that the BOC would stop rate hikes earlier. While bonds performed poorly across the board due to the rise in interest rates, corporate and provincial bonds faced an additional hurdle – concern about an economic slowdown – while emerging-market debt was especially hard hit by tightening monetary conditions, the Russia-Ukraine war and China’s economic slowdown. Returns in the fixed-income segment of the portfolio were held back by the RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund and the RBC Global Bond Fund.

Surging inflation and interest rates and rising geopolitical tensions led to the worst year for the S&P 500 Index and global stocks since 2008, with many major equity indexes falling about 20%. Canada’s stock benchmark declined much less given its significant exposure to oil and metal prices, which held up well against a backdrop of limited supply. By the end of 2022, inflation appeared to have eased somewhat, prompting speculation that the Fed, the BOC and other developed-market central banks might be in a position to lessen the negative impact of any slowdown with a pause or even decreases in interest rates sometime in 2023. Returns were held back by the Phillips, Hager & North U.S. Multi-Style All-Cap Equity Fund and the RBC European Equity Fund.

### Recent Developments

Economic headwinds resulting largely from tighter monetary policy and reduced fiscal stimulus are creating uncertainty, and there is a wide range of potential outcomes for the economy and financial markets. That said, the 2022 bear market in both fixed income and equities has meaningfully improved return expectations across all asset classes. The portfolio manager notes that bonds, at today’s higher yields, offer more of a cushion in a balanced portfolio should the economy enter a downturn. The portfolio manager believes that a cautious approach to risk taking remains appropriate in this environment, and the asset mix is positioned with a small overweight in stocks and a slight underweight in fixed income given a view that stocks offer superior return potential over the longer term. The



portfolio manager last altered the asset mix in 2022's fourth quarter by adding 0.5 percentage point to the equity allocation, sourced from bonds, as indicators suggested equities were attractively valued.

Effective January 1, 2023, the management fees for Series A and Series T5 units will be fixed at 1.44%.

Effective September 20, 2022, Brenda Eaton was appointed as Vice Chair of the Independent Review Committee (the "IRC") following the death of Paul K. Bates, who had served as a dedicated member of the IRC since December 2014. Effective December 31, 2022, Charles F. Macfarlane stepped down as a member of the IRC, and effective January 1, 2023, Suromitra Sanatani was appointed as Chair of the IRC.

Effective April 11, 2022, all Advisor Series units with a deferred sales charge option were re-designated as Series A units. Any redemption fees associated with such re-designations were waived by RBC GAM.

#### **Related-Party Transactions**

##### ***Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Manager***

RBC GAM is an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Royal Bank of Canada ("Royal Bank") and is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. RBC GAM is responsible for the Fund's day-to-day operations, holds title to the Fund's property on behalf of its unitholders, provides investment advice and portfolio management services to the Fund and appoints distributors for the Fund. RBC GAM is paid a management fee by the Fund as compensation for its services. The Fund pays a fixed administration fee to RBC GAM, which, in turn, pays certain operating expenses of the Fund. Both the management fee and fixed administration fee are calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the net asset value of each series of units of the Fund. RBC GAM, as trustee, earns a fee, which is paid by the manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as banking, brokerage, securities lending, foreign exchange and derivatives transactions. RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders switch between series of funds denominated in different currencies. The Fund also maintains bank accounts and overdraft provisions with Royal Bank for which Royal Bank may earn a fee. Affiliates of RBC GAM that provide services to the Fund in the course of their normal businesses are discussed below.

##### ***Distributors***

RBC GAM, Royal Mutual Funds Inc., RBC Direct Investing Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and Phillips, Hager & North Investment Funds Ltd. are principal distributors of, or may distribute certain series of units of, the Fund. Dealers may receive an ongoing commission based on the total value of their clients' investment in certain series of units of the Fund.

##### ***Registrars***

RBC GAM, RBC Investor Services Trust ("RBC IS") or Royal Bank (or a combination thereof) are the registrars of the Fund and keep records of who owns units of the Fund. The registrars earn a fee, which is paid by the manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

##### ***Custodian***

RBC IS is the custodian and holds the assets of the Fund. RBC IS earns a fee as the custodian, which is paid by the manager from the fixed administration fee paid by the Fund.

##### ***Securities Lending Agent***

To the extent the Fund may engage in securities lending transactions, RBC IS may act as the Fund's securities lending agent. Any revenue earned on such securities lending is split between the Fund and the securities lending agent.

##### ***Other Related-Party Transactions***

Pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the Fund relied on the standing instructions from the Independent Review Committee with respect to one or more of the following transactions:

##### ***Related-Party Trading Activities***

- (a) trades in securities of Royal Bank;
- (b) investments in the securities of issuers for which a related-party dealer acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the conclusion of such distribution of the underwritten securities to the public;
- (c) purchases of equity and debt securities from or sales of equity or debt securities to a related-party dealer, where it acted as principal; and

##### ***Inter-Fund Trading***

- (d) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund or managed account managed by RBC GAM.



The applicable standing instructions require that Related-Party Trading Activities and Inter-Fund Trading be conducted in accordance with RBC GAM policy and that RBC GAM advise the Independent Review Committee of a material breach of any standing instruction. RBC GAM policy requires that an investment decision in respect of Related-Party Trading Activities (i) is made free from any influence of Royal Bank or its associates or affiliates and without taking into account any consideration relevant to Royal Bank or its affiliates or associates, (ii) represents the business judgment of the portfolio manager, uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund, (iii) is in compliance with RBC GAM policies and procedures, and (iv) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the Fund. RBC GAM policy requires that an investment decision in respect of Inter-Fund Trading is in the best interests of each Fund.



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five years or for the periods since inception. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements.

### Change in Net Assets Per Unit (\$)

For the Year/ Period Ended	Net Assets Beginning of Year/Period	Increase (Decrease) from Operations <sup>1</sup>					Annual Distributions <sup>2</sup>				Net Assets End of Year/Period	
		Total Revenue (Loss)	Total Expenses	Realized Gains (Losses)	Unrealized Gains (Losses)	Total	From Income (Excluding Dividends)	From Dividends	From Capital Gains	Return of Capital		
<b>Series A</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>13.67</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(1.77)</b>	<b>(1.59)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>11.92</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	13.54	0.32	(0.23)	0.45	(0.03)	0.51	(0.04)	(0.06)	(0.27)	–	(0.37)	13.67
Dec. 31, 2020	12.73	0.39	(0.21)	0.20	0.59	0.97	(0.10)	(0.07)	(0.01)	–	(0.18)	13.54
Dec. 31, 2019	11.83	0.36	(0.21)	0.10	0.79	1.04	(0.08)	(0.07)	–	–	(0.15)	12.73
Dec. 31, 2018	12.42	0.35	(0.20)	0.15	(0.54)	(0.24)	(0.08)	(0.07)	(0.19)	–	(0.34)	11.83
<b>Series T5</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>10.95</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(1.40)</b>	<b>(1.26)</b>	<b>(0.03)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>(0.08)</b>	<b>(0.38)</b>	<b>(0.55)</b>	<b>9.21</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	11.10	0.26	(0.18)	0.36	(0.03)	0.41	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.21)	(0.26)	(0.55)	10.95
Dec. 31, 2020	10.81	0.33	(0.18)	0.17	0.48	0.80	(0.08)	(0.07)	–	(0.39)	(0.54)	11.10
Dec. 31, 2019	10.42	0.31	(0.18)	0.09	0.69	0.91	(0.06)	(0.07)	–	(0.39)	(0.52)	10.81
Dec. 31, 2018	11.19	0.31	(0.18)	0.14	(0.48)	(0.21)	(0.07)	(0.06)	(0.15)	(0.28)	(0.56)	10.42
<b>Series F</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>13.76</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>(0.10)</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(1.77)</b>	<b>(1.48)</b>	<b>(0.07)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.34)</b>	<b>12.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	13.62	0.33	(0.11)	0.45	(0.04)	0.63	(0.08)	(0.13)	(0.27)	(0.01)	(0.49)	13.76
Dec. 31, 2020	12.80	0.39	(0.11)	0.20	0.61	1.09	(0.15)	(0.12)	(0.01)	–	(0.28)	13.62
Dec. 31, 2019	11.89	0.36	(0.10)	0.10	0.73	1.09	(0.13)	(0.13)	–	–	(0.26)	12.80
Dec. 31, 2018	12.46	0.35	(0.10)	0.16	(0.55)	(0.14)	(0.13)	(0.11)	(0.19)	–	(0.43)	11.89
<b>Series FT5</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>12.27</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(1.63)</b>	<b>(1.38)</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>(0.13)</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>	<b>(0.61)</b>	<b>10.41</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	12.34	0.29	(0.10)	0.40	(0.04)	0.55	(0.07)	(0.12)	(0.25)	(0.18)	(0.62)	12.27
Dec. 31, 2020	11.92	0.36	(0.10)	0.18	0.57	1.01	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.01)	(0.33)	(0.59)	12.34
Dec. 31, 2019	11.39	0.34	(0.10)	0.10	0.66	1.00	(0.12)	(0.12)	–	(0.33)	(0.57)	11.92
Dec. 31, 2018	12.13	0.34	(0.10)	0.15	(0.54)	(0.15)	(0.13)	(0.11)	(0.17)	(0.20)	(0.61)	11.39
<b>Series O</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>11.12</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>(1.47)</b>	<b>(1.15)</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>(0.16)</b>	<b>(0.10)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>9.69</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	11.02	0.26	–	0.37	0.08	0.71	(0.09)	(0.16)	(0.23)	(0.01)	(0.49)	11.12
Dec. 31, 2020	10.36	0.32	–	0.16	(0.04)	0.44	(0.17)	(0.14)	(0.01)	–	(0.32)	11.02
Dec. 31, 2019	9.63	0.29	–	0.08	0.53	0.90	(0.15)	(0.14)	–	–	(0.29)	10.36
Dec. 31, 2018	10.12	0.28	–	0.13	(0.50)	(0.09)	(0.15)	(0.15)	(0.16)	–	(0.46)	9.63

<sup>1</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not intended to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per unit.

<sup>2</sup> Distributions are reinvested in additional units of the Fund or paid in cash.



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)**

**Ratios and Supplemental Data**

As at	Net Asset Value Per Unit (\$)	Net Asset Value (\$000s)	Number of Units Outstanding (000s)	Management Expense Ratio (%) <sup>1</sup>	MER Before Absorption (%) <sup>1</sup>	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) <sup>2</sup>	Trading Expense Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>
<b>Series A</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>11.92</b>	<b>11 563 115</b>	<b>969 848</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>1.69</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	13.67	15 251 126	1 115 340	1.69	1.69	6.38	0.02
Dec. 31, 2020	13.54	13 595 736	1 004 337	1.69	1.69	10.93	0.02
Dec. 31, 2019	12.73	11 905 864	935 448	1.69	1.69	5.24	0.01
Dec. 31, 2018	11.83	10 898 731	921 191	1.69	1.69	5.56	0.02
<b>Series T5</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>9.21</b>	<b>215 664</b>	<b>23 429</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	10.95	298 355	27 257	1.68	1.68	6.38	0.02
Dec. 31, 2020	11.10	272 575	24 565	1.68	1.68	10.93	0.02
Dec. 31, 2019	10.81	257 821	23 840	1.68	1.68	5.24	0.01
Dec. 31, 2018	10.42	245 067	23 513	1.67	1.67	5.56	0.02
<b>Series F</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>2 029 435</b>	<b>169 152</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	13.76	2 631 321	191 284	0.85	0.85	6.38	0.02
Dec. 31, 2020	13.62	2 040 877	149 855	0.85	0.85	10.93	0.02
Dec. 31, 2019	12.80	1 445 068	112 931	0.85	0.85	5.24	0.01
Dec. 31, 2018	11.89	971 781	81 711	0.85	0.85	5.56	0.02
<b>Series FT5</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>10.41</b>	<b>91 756</b>	<b>8 817</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	12.27	142 096	11 580	0.86	0.86	6.38	0.02
Dec. 31, 2020	12.34	116 435	9 438	0.86	0.86	10.93	0.02
Dec. 31, 2019	11.92	88 728	7 441	0.85	0.85	5.24	0.01
Dec. 31, 2018	11.39	58 664	5 148	0.85	0.85	5.56	0.02
<b>Series O</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2022</b>	<b>9.69</b>	<b>24 507</b>	<b>2 528</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Dec. 31, 2021	11.12	33 607	3 021	0.05	0.05	6.38	0.02
Dec. 31, 2020	11.02	5 328	483	0.06	0.06	10.93	0.02
Dec. 31, 2019	10.36	7 586	732	0.06	0.06	5.24	0.01
Dec. 31, 2018	9.63	4 108	427	0.06	0.06	5.56	0.02

<sup>1</sup> The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on the direct expenses charged to the Fund and the Fund's proportionate share of the expenses of underlying funds, if any, for the stated period, excluding commissions and other portfolio transaction costs, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of the daily average net asset value during the period. RBC GAM may, at its discretion and without notice to unitholders, waive or absorb certain operating expenses. MER includes the waiver or absorption by RBC GAM of certain operating expenses, while the MER before absorption shows the MER prior to operating expenses being waived or absorbed by RBC GAM.

<sup>2</sup> The portfolio turnover rate gives an indication of the level of activity employed by the portfolio manager. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund. The portfolio turnover rate is not applicable to money market funds.

<sup>3</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the Fund and the Fund's proportionate share of such costs of underlying funds expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period. The trading expense ratio is not applicable to fixed-income transactions.

Effective January 1, 2023, the management fees for Series A and Series T5 units will be fixed at 1.44%. If the changes to the management fees would have been in effect throughout the financial year ended December 31, 2022, the adjusted MER for each series of the Fund would be: Series A – 1.69% and Series T5 – 1.68%.



### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

#### Management Fees and Administration Fees

Management fees and administration fees of each series of the Fund are payable to RBC GAM and calculated at the following annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund.

The management fee payable in respect of each of Series A and Series T5 units of the Fund is a variable fee and is determined on a basis such that all fees and expenses that comprise the management expense ratio (“MER”), other than the additional cost of the GST/HST, will be equal to a specified percentage of the average net asset value of each of these series of the Fund (“Specified Percentage”). The Specified Percentage includes the management fee, administration fee of 0.05%, taxes (other than the additional cost of the GST/HST), other fund costs and any fees and expenses of the underlying funds. The Specified Percentage for Series A and Series T5 units is 1.60%.

The management fee payable to RBC GAM in respect of Series F and Series FT5 units of the Fund is a fixed fee and the MER of each of these series comprises the management fee, administration fee, taxes, other fund costs and any fees and expenses of the underlying funds.

The management fee, breakdown of services received in consideration of the management fee component of the MER, as a percentage of the management fee, and the administration fee for each series are as follows:

	Management Fees* <sup>†</sup>	Breakdown of Services		Administration Fees
		Distribution	Other <sup>‡</sup>	
Series A	1.44%	52%	48%	0.05%
Series T5	1.44%	52%	48%	0.05%
Series F	0.70%	–	100%	0.05%
Series FT5	0.70%	–	100%	0.05%
Series O	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.02%

Series O – no management fees are paid by the Fund with respect to Series O units. Series O unitholders pay a negotiated fee directly to RBC GAM for investment-counselling services.

\* Management fees for Series A and Series T5 units represent the actual average management fee rate for the periods ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

<sup>†</sup> Effective January 1, 2023, the management fees for Series A and Series T5 units will be fixed at 1.44%.

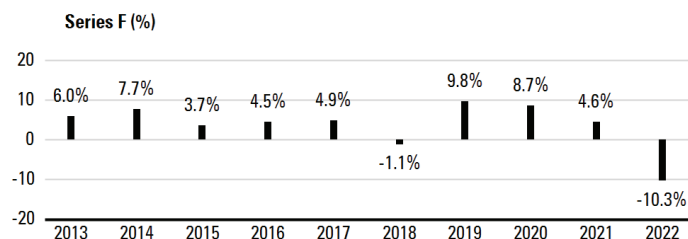
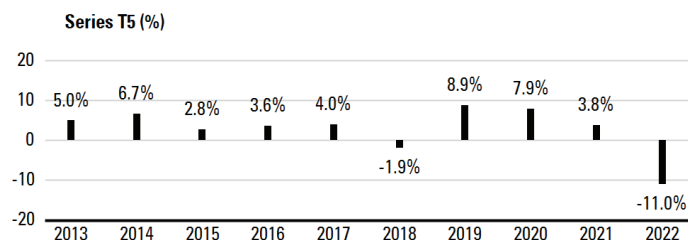
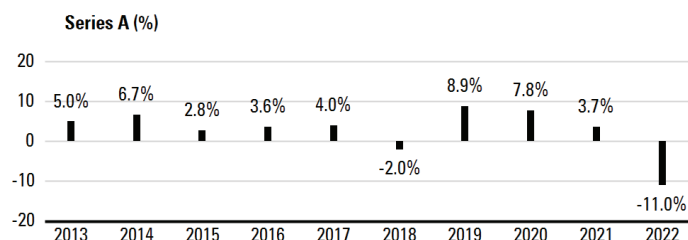
<sup>‡</sup> Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

### PAST PERFORMANCE

The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, optional charges or income taxes payable that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund may perform in the future. A fund with more than 10 years of performance history is only permitted to disclose the past 10 years.

#### Year-by-Year Returns (%)

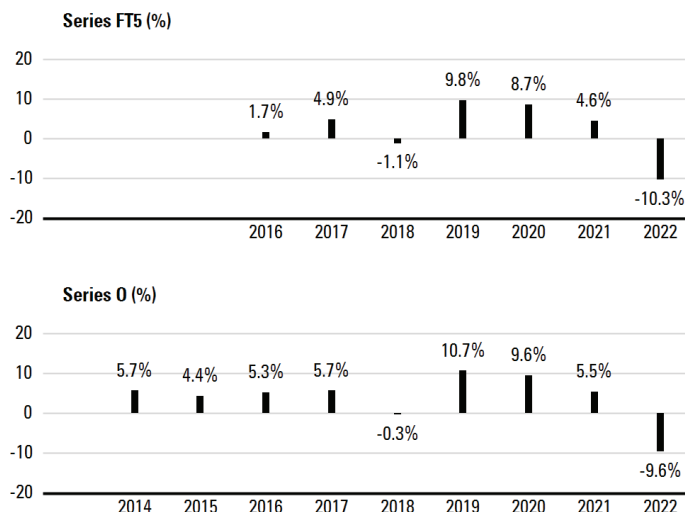
The bar chart indicates the Fund’s performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund’s performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the end of the financial year.







**PAST PERFORMANCE (cont.)**



**Annual Compound Returns (%)**

The table shows the annual compound returns for each series of the Fund and for each of the periods indicated ended on December 31, 2022, compared with the following benchmarks:

The new benchmark is composed of:

- 73% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
- 10% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index
- 8% S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD)
- 3.5% MSCI Europe Total Return Net Index (CAD)
- 2% FTSE Canada 30 Day TBill Index
- 1.9% MSCI Japan Total Return Net Index (CAD)
- 1.6% MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Total Return Net Index (CAD)

The old benchmark is composed of:

- 73% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
- 10% S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index
- 8% S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD)
- 7% MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (CAD)
- 2% FTSE Canada 30 Day TBill Index

The change in benchmark better reflects the composition of the Fund.

The broad-based indexes are as follows:

- Broad-based index 1 – FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index
- Broad-based index 2 – S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index

	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Since Inception
Series A	-11.0	-0.2	1.2	2.8	–
New benchmark	-10.6	0.2	2.1	3.9	–
Old benchmark	-10.5	0.2	2.1	3.9	–
Broad-based index 1	-11.7	-2.2	0.3	1.6	–
Broad-based index 2	-5.8	7.5	6.8	7.7	–

	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Since Inception
Series T5	-11.0	-0.1	1.2	2.8	–
New benchmark	-10.6	0.2	2.1	3.9	–
Old benchmark	-10.5	0.2	2.1	3.9	–
Broad-based index 1	-11.7	-2.2	0.3	1.6	–
Broad-based index 2	-5.8	7.5	6.8	7.7	–
Series F	-10.3	0.7	2.1	3.7	–
New benchmark	-10.6	0.2	2.1	3.9	–
Old benchmark	-10.5	0.2	2.1	3.9	–
Broad-based index 1	-11.7	-2.2	0.3	1.6	–
Broad-based index 2	-5.8	7.5	6.8	7.7	–
Series FT5	-10.3	0.7	2.1	–	2.6
New benchmark	-10.6	0.2	2.1	–	2.5
Old benchmark	-10.5	0.2	2.1	–	2.5
Broad-based index 1	-11.7	-2.2	0.3	–	0.2
Broad-based index 2	-5.8	7.5	6.8	–	8.0
Series 0	-9.6	1.5	2.9	–	4.0
New benchmark	-10.6	0.2	2.1	–	3.5
Old benchmark	-10.5	0.2	2.1	–	3.5
Broad-based index 1	-11.7	-2.2	0.3	–	1.7
Broad-based index 2	-5.8	7.5	6.8	–	6.7

The returns of each series may vary because of differences in management fees and expenses. Benchmark and/or broad-based index returns do not include any costs of investing. See Management Discussion of Fund Performance for a discussion of performance relative to benchmark and/or broad-based indexes.

Series FT5 units have been available for sale to unitholders since July 4, 2016 and Series 0 units since February 24, 2014.

Inception dates are not provided for series that have been in existence for more than 10 years.

Advisor Series units with a deferred sales charge option were re-designated as Series A units effective April 11, 2022.

**INDEX DESCRIPTIONS**

**FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index** This index is designed as a broad measure of the Canadian investment-grade fixed-income market and includes bonds with maturities of at least one year.

**S&P/TSX Capped Composite Total Return Index** This index is the amended capitalization-weighted index measuring the performance of selected securities listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, with no individual stock exceeding 10% of the overall weight.

**S&P 500 Total Return Index (CAD)** This index is a capitalization-weighted index measuring the Canadian-dollar performance of 500 widely held common stocks representing all major industries in the United States. The index gives investors a broad measure of the overall performance of the U.S. stock market.

**MSCI Europe Total Return Net Index (CAD)** This index is a broad measure of the Canadian-dollar performance of major stock markets in Europe. The net total return index reinvests dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indexes) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**FTSE Canada 30 Day TBill Index** This index is a measure of the performance of Canadian short-term cash investments.

**MSCI Japan Total Return Net Index (CAD)** This index is a broad measure of the Canadian-dollar performance of the large and mid-cap segments of the Japanese stock market. The net total return index reinvests dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indexes) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

**MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Total Return Net Index (CAD)** This index is a broad measure of equity-market performance in Asia excluding Japan. Included in the index are the stock markets of Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Singapore, as well as eight emerging-market countries including China and India. The Canadian-dollar index covers most of the free float-adjusted market capitalization in each country. The net total return index reinvests dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indexes) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.





## PAST PERFORMANCE (cont.)

**MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (CAD)** This index is a broad measure of the Canadian-dollar performance of stocks from developed equity markets covering countries in Europe, Australasia and the Far East. The net total return index reinvests dividends after the deduction of withholding taxes, using (for international indexes) a tax rate applicable to non-resident institutional investors who do not benefit from double taxation treaties.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at December 31, 2022

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Fixed Income Funds	67.5
Canadian Equity Funds	10.7
United States Equity Funds	7.6
International Equity Funds	7.0
Real Estate Funds	2.3
Global Equity Funds	1.6
Alternative Investment Funds	1.2
Cash/Other	2.1

## Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Phillips, Hager & North Bond Fund - Series O	12.6
RBC Global Corporate Bond Fund - Series O	11.6
RBC Global Bond Fund - Series O	10.8
Phillips, Hager & North Total Return Bond Fund - Series O	9.4
RBC Canadian Short-Term Income Fund - Series O	7.0
Phillips, Hager & North U.S. Multi-Style All-Cap Equity Fund - Series O	6.1
RBC Bond Fund - Series O	5.7
Phillips, Hager & North Short Term Bond & Mortgage Fund - Series O	5.2
RBC European Equity Fund - Series O	3.4
Phillips, Hager & North Conservative Equity Income Fund - Series O	3.2
RBC Canadian Dividend Fund - Series O	3.2
RBC Canadian Core Real Estate Fund - Series N	2.3
Phillips, Hager & North Canadian Equity Underlying Fund II - Series O	2.2
BlueBay Global Investment Grade Corporate Bond Fund (Canada) - Series O	2.1
RBC Private Canadian Equity Pool - Series O	2.1
RBC Global High Yield Bond Fund - Series O	1.8
RBC Japanese Equity Fund - Series O	1.7
iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF	1.5
RBC Asia Pacific ex-Japan Equity Fund - Series O	1.5
RBC Global Equity Fund - Series O	1.5
BlueBay Global Sovereign Bond Fund (Canada) - Series O	1.2
BlueBay Global Alternative Bond Fund (Canada) - Series O	1.2
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.8
iShares MSCI EAFE ETF	0.3
RBC Global Equity Leaders Fund - Series O	0.1
<b>Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>98.5</b>

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and a quarterly update is available at [www.rbcgam.com/regulatorydocuments](http://www.rbcgam.com/regulatorydocuments).

The Simplified Prospectus and other information about the underlying funds are available on the investment fund's designated website and on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).