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December 31, 2021

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

**Sub-Advisor:** RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited, London, England  
*(for the European equity portion of the Fund)*

**Sub-Advisor:** RBC Global Asset Management (Asia) Limited, Hong Kong, China  
*(for the Asian equity portion of the Fund)*

The Board of Directors of RBC Global Asset Management Inc. approved this annual management report of fund performance on March 10, 2022.

### **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.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both about the Fund and general economic factors, so it is possible that predictions, forecasts, projections and other forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you not to place undue reliance on these statements as a number of important factors could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statement made in relation to the Fund. These factors include, but are not limited to, general economic, political and market factors in Canada, the United States and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, global equity and capital markets, business competition, technological changes, changes in laws and regulations, judicial or regulatory judgments, legal proceedings and catastrophic events.

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 aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing in stocks of companies outside North America, providing exposure to economies that may be at different stages of the business cycle or offer growth opportunities unavailable in U.S. and Canadian markets. The Fund focuses on companies that are primarily in Europe, Australasia and the Far East.

### 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 rose to \$1.8 billion as of December 31, 2021, from \$1.4 billion at the end of 2020. The increase was due to a combination of net inflows and investment returns.

Over the past year, the Fund's Series A units gained 8.1%, which underperformed the 10.3% rise in the benchmark. 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.

Equities in the developed markets of Europe and Asia delivered solid returns in 2021, with economic growth rebounding after widespread COVID-19 vaccinations allowed economies around the world to reopen. Toward the end of the year, returns were limited by the emergence of a highly contagious coronavirus variant and the fastest inflation in decades driven by severe supply-chain disruptions and shortages of raw materials and workers, particularly in the U.S.

Inflation in the eurozone hit 4.9% in November, the highest level since the euro currency was created two decades ago. The increase put pressure on the European Central Bank to rein in monetary stimulus and prompted the Bank of England to raise interest rates for the first time in several years. The pandemic's third year coincided with the end of German Chancellor Angela Merkel's 16-year tenure as leader of Europe's largest economy. Japan was one of the countries that outperformed in Asia as COVID-19 vaccination rates improved in 2021. The Japanese economy was able to maintain decent momentum during the year as the new prime minister, Fumio Kishida, continued to carry out expansionary economic policies.

At the sector level, Industrials was the top-performing sector during 2021 and Communication Services the worst. The stock that contributed the most to relative returns was Ashtead Group, the U.K. industrial-equipment rental company. Novo Nordisk, a Danish pharmaceuticals company, also performed strongly, hitting record highs in the second quarter after U.S. approval of its anti-obesity drug. ING Groep, Diageo and EssilorLuxottica were also top performers during 2021. The Fund's worst-performing stock was Toei Animation, a Japanese producer of cartoons. Other stocks that limited returns were London Stock Exchange and Hargreaves Lansdown, a U.K. investment-management company.

### Recent Developments

The emergence of the Omicron variant serves as a reminder to investors that the pandemic remains a powerful influence on both the economy and financial markets. The degree to which governments will feel forced to reintroduce social restrictions is likely to dictate which stocks perform well in the months ahead and which underperform. Another looming issue is how central banks will attempt to control inflation, especially as much of the current inflation seems driven as much by a lack of supply as by excessive demand, the latter of which is the kind of inflation that rate hikes tend to address. Central banks will have to be careful about the pace at which they make adjustments to the winding up of asset purchases and undertake interest-rate hikes – their two main policy tools for slowing inflation.

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

On or about April 8, 2022, the RBC International Equity Class will be merged into the Fund and shareholders of the RBC International Equity Class will receive units of the Fund on a tax-deferred basis.

Effective February 28, 2021, Ms. Catherine J. Kloepper resigned as Vice Chair of the Independent Review Committee (the "IRC"). Effective March 22, 2021, Mr. Paul K. Bates was appointed as Vice Chair of the IRC. Effective April 1, 2021, Ms. Brenda Eaton was appointed as a member of the IRC.

### 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.

#### **Sub-Advisors**

RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited and RBC Global Asset Management (Asia) Limited are the sub-advisors and provide investment advice for the Fund. The sub-advisors earn a fee which is calculated and accrued daily as a percentage of the net asset value of each series of units of the Fund. The sub-advisors are paid by the manager from the management fee paid by the Fund.

#### **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.

#### **Brokers and Dealers**

The Fund has established standard brokerage and dealing agreements at market rates with related parties. For the periods ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the related-party commissions were \$31,000 (2020 – \$38,000) or 2% (2020 – 3%) of the total transaction costs paid for this Fund.

#### **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, 2021</b>	<b>26.26</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>(0.57)</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>2.11</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>28.39</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	22.34	0.41	(0.48)	0.87	2.98	3.78	—	—	—	—	—	26.26
Dec. 31, 2019	18.74	0.53	(0.45)	(0.18)	3.78	3.68	—	(0.06)	—	—	(0.06)	22.34
Dec. 31, 2018	21.57	0.54	(0.45)	(0.18)	(2.51)	(2.60)	—	(0.16)	—	—	(0.16)	18.74
Dec. 31, 2017	18.21	0.43	(0.43)	0.10	3.26	3.36	—	—	—	—	—	21.57
<b>Advisor Series</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>26.07</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>(0.57)</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>2.19</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>28.18</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	22.18	0.41	(0.46)	0.88	1.21	2.04	—	—	—	—	—	26.07
Dec. 31, 2019	18.61	0.53	(0.43)	(0.18)	3.71	3.63	—	(0.07)	—	—	(0.07)	22.18
Dec. 31, 2018	21.41	0.53	(0.44)	(0.18)	(2.45)	(2.54)	—	(0.16)	—	—	(0.16)	18.61
Dec. 31, 2017	18.07	0.43	(0.43)	0.10	3.10	3.20	—	—	—	—	—	21.41
<b>Series T5</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>22.08</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>(0.47)</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.64</b>	—	—	—	<b>(1.10)</b>	<b>(1.10)</b>	<b>22.72</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	19.74	0.35	(0.40)	0.75	3.05	3.75	—	—	—	(0.98)	(0.98)	22.08
Dec. 31, 2019	17.27	0.48	(0.37)	(0.17)	3.38	3.32	—	(0.10)	—	(0.76)	(0.86)	19.74
Dec. 31, 2018	20.77	0.50	(0.41)	(0.17)	(2.80)	(2.88)	—	(0.08)	—	(0.96)	(1.04)	17.27
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>3</sup>	18.71 <sup>†</sup>	0.34	(0.37)	0.08	1.83	1.88	—	—	—	(0.78)	(0.78)	20.77
<b>Series D</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>27.18</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>(0.36)</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>2.45</b>	—	<b>(0.09)</b>	—	—	<b>(0.09)</b>	<b>29.55</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	23.01	0.43	(0.30)	0.90	3.20	4.23	—	(0.10)	—	—	(0.10)	27.18
Dec. 31, 2019	19.30	0.55	(0.27)	(0.19)	3.92	4.01	—	(0.27)	—	—	(0.27)	23.01
Dec. 31, 2018	22.22	0.56	(0.27)	(0.19)	(2.66)	(2.56)	—	(0.34)	—	—	(0.34)	19.30
Dec. 31, 2017	18.70	0.45	(0.26)	0.10	3.33	3.62	—	(0.13)	—	—	(0.13)	22.22
<b>Series F</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>29.48</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>1.81</b>	<b>2.76</b>	—	<b>(0.18)</b>	—	—	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>32.06</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	24.97	0.46	(0.25)	0.98	3.48	4.67	(0.01)	(0.19)	—	—	(0.20)	29.48
Dec. 31, 2019	20.94	0.59	(0.23)	(0.21)	4.24	4.39	—	(0.36)	—	—	(0.36)	24.97
Dec. 31, 2018	24.10	0.60	(0.23)	(0.21)	(3.17)	(3.01)	—	(0.42)	—	—	(0.42)	20.94
Dec. 31, 2017	20.29	0.48	(0.22)	0.11	3.43	3.80	—	(0.21)	—	—	(0.21)	24.10
<b>Series FT5</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>25.75</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>(0.25)</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>2.35</b>	—	<b>(0.18)</b>	—	<b>(1.11)</b>	<b>(1.29)</b>	<b>26.79</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	22.77	0.41	(0.23)	0.86	4.43	5.47	—	(0.20)	—	(0.94)	(1.14)	25.75
Dec. 31, 2019	19.71	0.55	(0.20)	(0.19)	4.12	4.28	—	(0.34)	—	(0.64)	(0.98)	22.77
Dec. 31, 2018	23.42	0.57	(0.21)	(0.19)	(3.31)	(3.14)	—	(0.34)	—	(0.83)	(1.17)	19.71
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>3</sup>	20.89 <sup>†</sup>	0.38	(0.19)	0.08	3.70	3.97	—	(0.19)	—	(0.68)	(0.87)	23.42



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)**

**Change in Net Assets Per Unit (\$) (cont.)**

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 O</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>28.06</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>2.93</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.45)</b>	–	–	<b>(0.46)</b>	<b>30.52</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	23.75	0.44	(0.01)	0.93	3.54	4.90	(0.01)	(0.43)	–	–	(0.44)	28.06
Dec. 31, 2019	19.93	0.57	–	(0.20)	4.02	4.39	(0.01)	(0.57)	–	–	(0.58)	23.75
Dec. 31, 2018	22.96	0.58	(0.01)	(0.20)	(2.85)	(2.48)	–	(0.61)	–	–	(0.61)	19.93
Dec. 31, 2017	19.32	0.46	–	0.10	3.43	3.99	–	(0.42)	–	–	(0.42)	22.96

<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.

<sup>3</sup> From February 27, 2017.

† Initial offering net asset value per unit.

**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, 2021</b>	<b>28.39</b>	<b>129 808</b>	<b>4 572</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	26.26	124 614	4 745	2.11	2.11	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	22.34	115 246	5 158	2.16	2.16	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	18.74	112 180	5 987	2.15	2.15	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017	21.57	139 463	6 465	2.15	2.15	33.73	0.18
<b>Advisor Series</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>28.18</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	26.07	534	20	2.12	2.12	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	22.18	2 708	122	2.11	2.11	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	18.61	3 814	205	2.11	2.11	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017	21.41	4 664	218	2.14	2.14	33.73	0.18
<b>Series T5</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>22.72</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	22.08	197	9	2.02	2.02	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	19.74	155	8	2.01	2.01	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	17.27	392	23	2.07	2.07	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	20.77	113	5	2.14	2.14	33.73	0.18
<b>Series D</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>29.55</b>	<b>74 956</b>	<b>2 537</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	27.18	67 560	2 486	1.26	1.26	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	23.01	57 870	2 515	1.26	1.26	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	19.30	61 232	3 173	1.25	1.25	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017	22.22	71 534	3 220	1.26	1.26	33.73	0.18



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)**

**Ratios and Supplemental Data (cont.)**

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 F</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>32.06</b>	<b>96 385</b>	<b>3 007</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	29.48	77 493	2 628	0.98	0.98	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	24.97	59 360	2 377	0.98	0.98	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	20.94	51 645	2 466	0.97	0.97	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017	24.10	41 074	1 704	0.97	0.97	33.73	0.18
<b>Series FT5</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>26.79</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	25.75	385	15	0.97	0.97	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	22.77	213	9	0.96	0.96	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	19.71	297	15	0.95	0.95	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	23.42	114	5	0.96	0.96	33.73	0.18
<b>Series O</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>30.52</b>	<b>1 505 750</b>	<b>49 336</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>26.70</b>	<b>0.09</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	28.06	1 173 504	41 817	0.02	0.02	38.14	0.10
Dec. 31, 2019	23.75	881 589	37 114	0.02	0.02	37.23	0.10
Dec. 31, 2018	19.93	706 607	35 459	0.02	0.02	52.02	0.16
Dec. 31, 2017	22.96	863 374	37 608	0.02	0.02	33.73	0.18

<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 Fund's 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 Fund's 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.

<sup>4</sup> From February 27, 2017.

Effective March 1, 2020, the administration fees for Series A units were reduced to 0.15% from 0.20%. If the changes to the administration fees would have been in effect throughout the financial year ended December 31, 2020, the adjusted MER for each series of the Fund would be: Series A – 2.10%.

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

	Management Fees	Breakdown of Services		Administration Fees <sup>†</sup>
		Distribution	Other*	
Series A	1.75%	57%	43%	0.15%
Advisor Series	1.75%	57%	43%	0.15%
Series T5	1.75%	57%	43%	0.15%
Series D	1.00%	25%	75%	0.15%
Series F	0.75%	–	100%	0.15%
Series FT5	0.75%	–	100%	0.15%
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.

\* Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

<sup>†</sup> Effective March 1, 2020, the administration fees for Series A units were reduced to 0.15% from 0.20%.

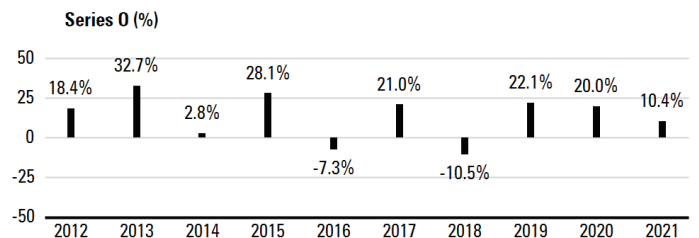
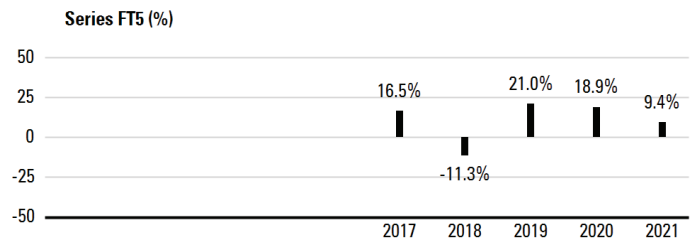
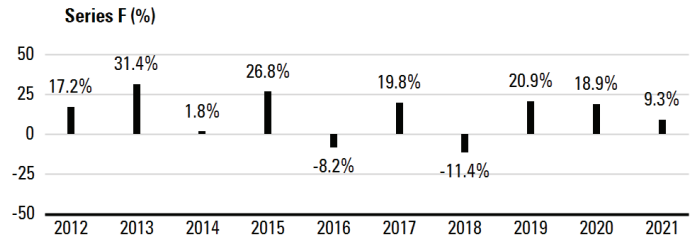
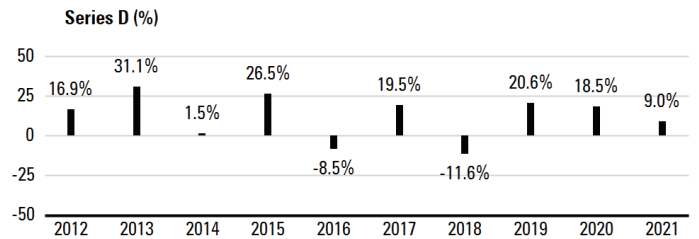
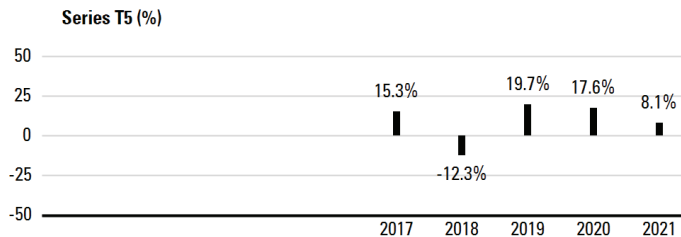
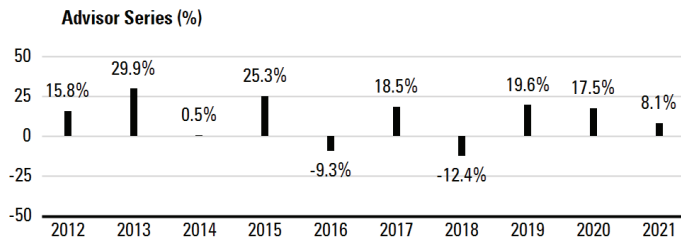
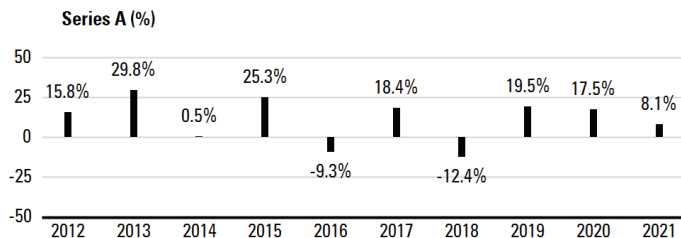


**PAST PERFORMANCE**

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, 2021, compared with the following benchmark:

#### MSCI EAFE Total Return Net Index (CAD)

	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Since Inception
Series A	8.1	15.0	9.5	10.5	–
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	8.2	10.4	–
Advisor Series	8.1	15.0	9.5	10.5	–
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	8.2	10.4	–
Series T5	8.1	15.0	–	–	9.3
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	–	–	8.1
Series D	9.0	16.0	10.5	11.5	–
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	8.2	10.4	–
Series F	9.3	16.3	10.8	11.8	–
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	8.2	10.4	–
Series FT5	9.4	16.3	–	–	10.6
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	–	–	8.1
Series O	10.4	17.4	11.9	12.9	–
Benchmark	10.3	10.6	8.2	10.4	–

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 T5 and Series FT5 units have been available for sale to unitholders since February 27, 2017.

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

Advisor Series units were capped effective June 26, 2020. Advisor Series units with initial sales charge and/or low-load sales charge options were re-designated as Series A units effective August 4, 2020.

### INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

**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, 2021

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
United Kingdom	27.3
Japan	16.9
France	10.1
Netherlands	8.3
Switzerland	6.8
Denmark	5.7
Sweden	5.0
Australia	4.5
Taiwan	2.8
Finland	1.9
Other Countries	8.6
Cash/Other	2.1

### Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Diageo Plc.	4.5
Novo Nordisk A/S	4.5
LVMH Louis Vuitton Moet-Hennessy	4.1
EssilorLuxottica	2.8
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	2.8
ING Groep N.V.	2.7
RELX Plc.	2.7
ASML Holding N.V.	2.7
Ashtead Group Plc.	2.6
Heineken N.V.	2.5
Barratt Developments Plc.	2.5
Recruit Holdings Co. Ltd.	2.4
Experian Group Ltd.	2.4
Nestlé S.A.	2.3
Keyence Corp.	2.3
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.2
Schneider Electric SE	2.1
Unilever Plc.	2.0
Sampo OYJ	1.9
Schroders Plc.	1.9
Linde Plc.	1.8
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group Inc.	1.7
Roche Holdings AG Genussscheine	1.7
SAP SE	1.7
Assa Abloy AB	1.6
Top 25 Holdings	62.4

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/en/ca](http://www.rbcgam.com/en/ca).