



MONEY MARKET FUND

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December 31, 2020

**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 11, 2021.

### **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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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide current income and liquidity consistent with short-term money-market interest rates while preserving the value of the investment.

The Fund is invested primarily in high-quality short-term government- and corporate-debt securities with a maximum term of 365 days.

The Fund's corporate-debt holdings are deemed by major debt-rating agencies to be suitable for conservative investors. The Fund also includes short-term debt issued by Canadian chartered banks and promissory notes issued or guaranteed by Canadian governments or their agencies.

### 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 \$3.6 billion as of December 31, 2020, from \$2.8 billion at the end of 2019. The increase was due to net inflows.

As of December 31, 2020, the current yields were 0.08% for Series A units, 0.09% for Advisor Series units, 0.08% for Series D units, 0.14% for Series F units and 0.34% for Series O units.

Over the past year, the Fund's Series A units returned 0.54%. 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 response to an extremely low interest rate environment and to support the yield to unitholders, the management fees of some series of the Fund have been maintained at reduced levels by RBC GAM. The decision to reduce management fees is determined at the discretion of RBC GAM.

Canadian money markets were thrown into chaos in the first quarter of 2020 when the pandemic arrived in North America, and market yields fell significantly over the period. In response to the health threat, governments shut down large segments of the economy, leading to an unprecedented collapse in output and a plunge in stocks and non-government bonds. The Bank of Canada (the "BOC"), seeking to maintain order in financial markets, cut its benchmark interest rate to an all-time low and, for the first time, bought bonds to support fixed-income markets. Parliament stepped in with generous

cash payments to individuals and businesses. Financial markets and the economy stabilized to the point where, by the end of the year, the BOC had scaled back support, and the BOC advised that it did not expect to raise the interest rates that it sets for the next few years.

The rapid decline in yields prompted the portfolio manager to focus on locking in higher yields wherever available by investing in longer-dated securities. This approach required increasing the Fund's holdings of longer maturities to offset the extremely low yields available in shorter-dated instruments, which dominate the portfolio by virtue of the Fund's mandate to have cash available on short notice. Where possible, exposure to higher-yielding corporate paper was increased, although opportunities were scarce given that many corporate issuers stopped issuing debt or had their credit ratings lowered. Regulatory liquidity was satisfied through the holding of a core position in provincial and federal paper.

### Recent Developments

The portfolio manager anticipates that Canadian money-market rates will remain exceptionally low until at least 2022, even if the Canadian economy recovers as expected in 2021. Inflation is low and there is room for increased output and employment without the imminent threat of significant price rises. That said, attempts to stimulate economic growth will in the short term take a back seat to managing the pandemic. Several vaccines look promising, and the timing and logistics of their distribution will have a large impact on financial markets and a comeback for the overall economy.

There is little room left to cut rates, and the BOC would need to re-accelerate asset purchases should the need arise. Accordingly, Canadian money markets will be quiet and range-bound for the foreseeable future, in the view of the portfolio manager.

Effective June 26, 2020, Advisor Series units have been capped. On August 4, 2020, Advisor Series units with initial sales charge and/or low-load sales charge options were re-designated as Series A units, as applicable. Advisor Series units with a deferred sales charge option, as applicable, remain capped and invested based on their existing redemption schedule.

Effective March 1, 2020, administration fees were reduced as follows: from 0.10% to 0.05% for Series A units.

### 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, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	–	–	<b>0.04</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.04)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.20	(0.06)	–	–	0.14	(0.14)	–	–	–	(0.14)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.17	(0.06)	–	–	0.11	(0.11)	–	–	–	(0.11)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	0.11	(0.06)	–	–	0.05	(0.05)	–	–	–	(0.05)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	0.09	(0.06)	–	–	0.03	(0.03)	–	–	–	(0.03)	10.00
<b>Advisor Series</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	–	–	<b>0.06</b>	<b>(0.06)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.06)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.20	(0.06)	–	–	0.14	(0.14)	–	–	–	(0.14)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.17	(0.06)	–	–	0.11	(0.11)	–	–	–	(0.11)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	0.11	(0.06)	–	–	0.05	(0.05)	–	–	–	(0.05)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	0.09	(0.06)	–	–	0.03	(0.03)	–	–	–	(0.03)	10.00
<b>Series D</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	–	–	<b>0.05</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.20	(0.06)	–	–	0.14	(0.14)	–	–	–	(0.14)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.17	(0.06)	–	–	0.11	(0.11)	–	–	–	(0.11)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	0.11	(0.06)	–	–	0.05	(0.05)	–	–	–	(0.05)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	0.09	(0.06)	–	–	0.03	(0.03)	–	–	–	(0.03)	10.00
<b>Series F</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>	–	–	<b>0.05</b>	<b>(0.05)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.05)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.20	(0.06)	–	–	0.14	(0.14)	–	–	–	(0.14)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.18	(0.06)	–	–	0.12	(0.12)	–	–	–	(0.12)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	0.11	(0.06)	–	–	0.05	(0.05)	–	–	–	(0.05)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	0.10	(0.06)	–	–	0.04	(0.04)	–	–	–	(0.04)	10.00
<b>Series O</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.10</b>	–	–	–	<b>0.10</b>	<b>(0.10)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.10)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.20	–	–	–	0.20	(0.20)	–	–	–	(0.20)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.17	–	–	–	0.17	(0.17)	–	–	–	(0.17)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	0.11	–	–	–	0.11	(0.11)	–	–	–	(0.11)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	0.09	–	–	–	0.09	(0.09)	–	–	–	(0.09)	10.00

<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, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1 737 049</b>	<b>173 705</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>—</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	909 252	90 925	0.61	0.94	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	954 397	95 440	0.60	0.94	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	1 048 238	104 818	0.60	0.93	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	1 224 869	122 485	0.60	0.60	n/a	—
<b>Advisor Series</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>5 222</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>0.88</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>—</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	10 137	1 014	0.61	0.89	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	12 153	1 215	0.61	0.89	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	13 676	1 368	0.61	0.89	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	14 759	1 476	0.61	0.61	n/a	—
<b>Series D</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>191 617</b>	<b>19 162</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.71</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>—</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	182 502	18 250	0.61	0.72	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	161 757	16 176	0.61	0.72	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	161 812	16 180	0.61	0.72	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	164 136	16 413	0.61	0.61	n/a	—
<b>Series F</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>126 912</b>	<b>12 691</b>	<b>0.43</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>—</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	48 447	4 845	0.55	0.61	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	48 830	4 883	0.56	0.61	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	24 381	2 438	0.56	0.61	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	12 499	1 250	0.56	0.56	n/a	—
<b>Series O</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2020</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>1 585 357</b>	<b>158 536</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>—</b>
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	1 686 931	168 693	0.02	0.02	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	724 857	72 486	0.02	0.02	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2017	10.00	323 862	32 385	0.02	0.02	n/a	—
Dec. 31, 2016	10.00	168 559	16 856	0.02	0.02	n/a	—

<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 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 March 1, 2020, the administration fees for Series A units were reduced to 0.05% from 0.10%. If the changes to the administration fees would have been in effect throughout the financial year ended December 31, 2020, the adjusted MER and adjusted MER before absorption for each series of the Fund would be: Series A – 0.44% and 0.88%, respectively.



**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, 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	0.75%	33%	67%	0.05%
Advisor Series	0.75%	33%	67%	0.05%
Series D	0.60%	17%	83%	0.05%
Series F	0.50%	–	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.

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

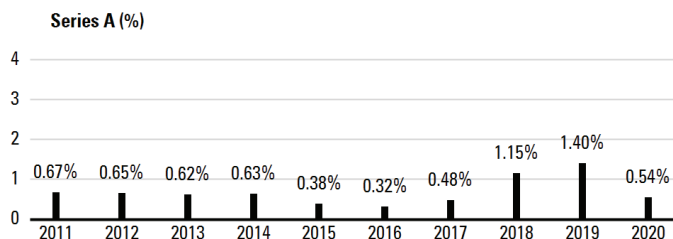
† Effective March 1, 2020, the administration fees for Series A units were reduced to 0.05% from 0.10%.

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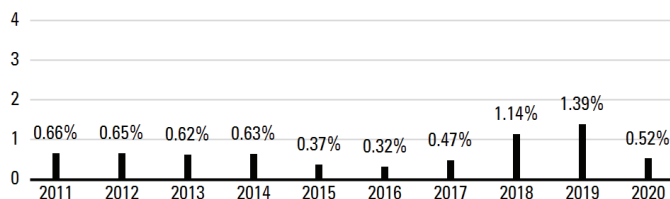
The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, optional 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 (%)**

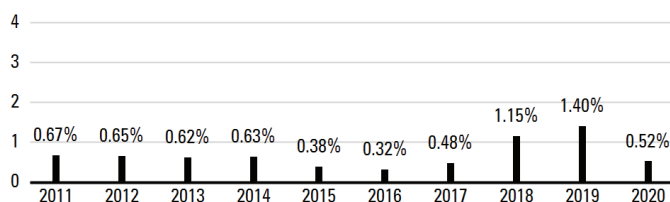
The bar chart indicates the Fund's performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the end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



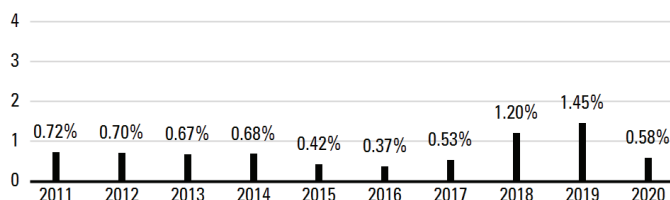
Advisor Series (%)



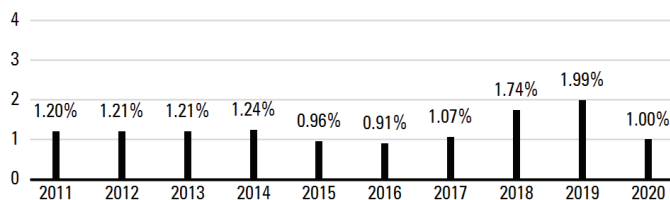
Series D (%)



Series F (%)



Series O (%)



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

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## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at December 31, 2020

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Commercial Paper	57.6
Bankers Acceptances and Bank Obligations	37.4
Provincial Obligations	5.2
Cash/Other	(0.2)

### Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 0.249% Apr 6 2021	2.8
Bank of Montreal 0.249% Mar 8 2021	2.6
National Bank of Canada 0.227% Jan 29 2021	2.5
Bank of Nova Scotia 0.224% Jan 18 2021	2.3
Bank of Montreal 0.250% Feb 16 2021	2.2
HSBC Bank Canada 0.391% Jan 19 2021	2.1
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 0.300% Apr 8 2021	2.1
Toronto-Dominion Bank 0.231% Jan 6 2021	1.7
HSBC Bank Canada 0.350% Apr 16 2021	1.6
Zeus Receivables Trust - Senior Notes 0.449% Feb 26 2021	1.5
Toronto-Dominion Bank 0.528% Mar 8 2021	1.5
Bank of Nova Scotia 2.089% Jan 13 2021	1.5
Bank of Montreal 0.228% Jan 8 2021	1.5
Clarity Trust 0.311% Feb 18 2021	1.4
SOUND Trust 0.390% Apr 19 2021	1.3
King Street Funding Trust 0.321% Feb 23 2021	1.3
Bank of Nova Scotia 0.251% Jan 5 2021	1.2
Banner Trust 0.265% Jan 7 2021	1.2
SURE Trust 0.480% Jan 19 2021	1.1
Province of Alberta 0.148% Jan 26 2021	1.1
Fusion Trust 0.302% Jan 5 2021	1.0
Bay Street Funding Trust - Class A 0.289% Mar 18 2021	1.0
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 0.241% Jan 22 2021	1.0
Merit Trust - Senior Notes 0.449% Feb 26 2021	1.0
STABLE Trust 0.279% Jan 18 2021	1.0
<b>Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>39.5</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/en/ca](http://www.rbcgam.com/en/ca).