



INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

## RBC EUROPEAN EQUITY FUND

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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

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 pursues long-term capital growth by investing primarily in European stocks.

The Fund provides exposure to growth opportunities in the European economy and diversification benefits beyond North America.

The portfolio manager reviews the economic outlook for Europe and then selects stocks based on fundamental, technical and quantitative inputs. The Fund is managed to limit risk by spreading investments across different industries. The Fund may also invest in debt securities issued or guaranteed by European governments and international 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 \$8.2 billion as of December 31, 2021, from \$7.5 billion at the end of 2020. The increase was due to investment returns, partially offset by net redemptions.

Over the past year, the Fund's Series A units gained 16.9%, which outperformed the 15.3% 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.

European equity markets climbed in 2021 as the global economy continued its recovery from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Stocks rose steadily during the first six months of the year given an easing of pandemic-related social restrictions and the pursuit by central banks of policies aimed at supporting economic growth. However, equities fell toward the end of 2021 after the emergence of the Omicron variant and amid concern about rising interest rates in response to inflationary pressures.

Inflation in the eurozone hit 4.9% in November, the highest level since the euro currency was created two decades ago. The increase, driven partly by rising energy prices, put pressure on the European Central Bank to rein in monetary stimulus. The Bank of England, meanwhile, raised interest rates in December, the first time in three years that the U.K. central bank had carried out a rate hike.

The pandemic's passage into a third year and rising inflation worries coincided with the end of Angela Merkel's 16-year tenure as German chancellor, as she stepped down as leader of Europe's largest economy and most influential member of the EU. Merkel's replacement is Olaf Scholz of the centrist Social Democratic Party, which leads a coalition that includes two left-of-centre political parties.

The stock markets of Austria, the Netherlands and Norway were Europe's best-performing and Portugal's was the worst, with Spain's and Belgium's also performing poorly. At the sector level, Information Technology and Energy were the strongest performers, while Real Estate and Utilities were the worst performing. The Fund's returns were held back by Financials-market exposure that was in line with the benchmark, while an underweight position in Industrials aided relative returns. Among individual stocks, Novo Nordisk, the pharmaceuticals company, was the biggest contributor to the Fund's performance and Ashtead Group ranked second. London Stock Exchange, the financial company, held back returns the most.

### 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 European Equity Class will be merged into the Fund and shareholders of the RBC European Equity Class will receive units of the Fund on a tax-deferred basis.

Effective February 28, 2021, Ms. Catherine J. Kloepfer 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-Advisor***

RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited is the sub-advisor and provides investment advice for the Fund. The sub-advisor earns 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-advisor is 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 \$223,000 (2020 – \$508,000) or 3% (2020 – 5%) 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>25.52</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>(0.58)</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>2.35</b>	<b>4.30</b>	–	–	<b>(1.20)</b>	–	<b>(1.20)</b>	<b>28.62</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	23.47	0.44	(0.49)	0.90	1.15	2.00	–	–	(0.13)	–	(0.13)	25.52
Dec. 31, 2019	19.82	0.67	(0.47)	(0.02)	3.68	3.86	–	(0.17)	–	–	(0.17)	23.47
Dec. 31, 2018	23.52	0.66	(0.49)	0.42	(3.42)	(2.83)	–	(0.21)	(0.56)	–	(0.77)	19.82
Dec. 31, 2017	20.55	0.56	(0.49)	1.24	2.48	3.79	–	(0.04)	(0.78)	–	(0.82)	23.52
<b>Advisor Series</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>25.93</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>(0.58)</b>	<b>2.02</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>4.40</b>	–	–	<b>(1.22)</b>	–	<b>(1.22)</b>	<b>29.07</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	23.83	0.44	(0.48)	0.90	(0.24)	0.62	–	–	(0.13)	–	(0.13)	25.93
Dec. 31, 2019	20.12	0.68	(0.46)	(0.02)	3.70	3.90	–	(0.18)	–	–	(0.18)	23.83
Dec. 31, 2018	23.87	0.67	(0.48)	0.43	(3.60)	(2.98)	–	(0.23)	(0.56)	–	(0.79)	20.12
Dec. 31, 2017	20.85	0.57	(0.48)	1.26	2.28	3.63	–	(0.05)	(0.79)	–	(0.84)	23.87
<b>Series T5</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>22.98</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>(0.51)</b>	<b>1.75</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>3.70</b>	–	–	<b>(0.95)</b>	<b>(0.20)</b>	<b>(1.15)</b>	<b>25.61</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	22.16	0.40	(0.44)	0.83	1.06	1.85	–	–	(0.11)	(1.00)	(1.11)	22.98
Dec. 31, 2019	19.46	0.65	(0.44)	(0.02)	4.01	4.20	–	(0.27)	–	(0.70)	(0.97)	22.16
Dec. 31, 2018	23.43	0.65	(0.47)	0.41	(4.10)	(3.51)	–	(0.14)	(0.55)	(0.48)	(1.17)	19.46
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>3</sup>	21.02 <sup>†</sup>	0.47	(0.41)	1.03	(0.45)	0.64	–	(0.06)	(0.38)	(0.44)	(0.88)	23.43
<b>Series D</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>25.86</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>(0.35)</b>	<b>2.03</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>4.60</b>	–	<b>(0.21)</b>	<b>(1.23)</b>	–	<b>(1.44)</b>	<b>29.03</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	23.75	0.44	(0.29)	0.91	1.24	2.30	–	(0.19)	(0.13)	–	(0.32)	25.86
Dec. 31, 2019	20.06	0.68	(0.28)	(0.02)	3.72	4.10	–	(0.39)	–	–	(0.39)	23.75
Dec. 31, 2018	23.81	0.67	(0.29)	0.43	(3.60)	(2.79)	–	(0.40)	(0.57)	–	(0.97)	20.06
Dec. 31, 2017	20.81	0.57	(0.30)	1.26	2.33	3.86	–	(0.25)	(0.79)	–	(1.04)	23.81
<b>Series F</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>27.49</b>	<b>0.58</b>	<b>(0.30)</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>2.51</b>	<b>4.95</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.31)</b>	<b>(1.30)</b>	–	<b>(1.62)</b>	<b>30.86</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	25.25	0.47	(0.24)	0.97	1.36	2.56	–	(0.27)	(0.14)	–	(0.41)	27.49
Dec. 31, 2019	21.33	0.73	(0.23)	(0.02)	3.78	4.26	–	(0.48)	–	–	(0.48)	25.25
Dec. 31, 2018	25.31	0.72	(0.24)	0.46	(4.04)	(3.10)	–	(0.49)	(0.60)	–	(1.09)	21.33
Dec. 31, 2017	22.14	0.61	(0.24)	1.35	2.44	4.16	–	(0.35)	(0.85)	–	(1.20)	25.31
<b>Series FT5</b>												
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>25.38</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>(0.26)</b>	<b>1.95</b>	<b>2.38</b>	<b>4.59</b>	–	<b>(0.26)</b>	<b>(1.14)</b>	–	<b>(1.40)</b>	<b>28.48</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	24.20	0.44	(0.23)	0.91	2.51	3.63	–	(0.22)	(0.14)	(0.85)	(1.21)	25.38
Dec. 31, 2019	21.00	0.70	(0.22)	(0.02)	4.46	4.92	–	(0.50)	–	(0.55)	(1.05)	24.20
Dec. 31, 2018	24.99	0.69	(0.24)	0.44	(4.02)	(3.13)	–	(0.43)	(0.60)	(0.22)	(1.25)	21.00
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>3</sup>	22.68 <sup>†</sup>	0.50	(0.20)	1.12	(0.30)	1.12	(0.01)	(0.25)	(1.24)	–	(1.50)	24.99



**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>26.03</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>5.02</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	<b>(0.58)</b>	<b>(1.26)</b>	–	<b>(1.85)</b>	<b>29.20</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	23.91	0.45	(0.01)	0.92	1.51	2.87	(0.01)	(0.51)	(0.13)	–	(0.65)	26.03
Dec. 31, 2019	20.20	0.69	–	(0.02)	3.73	4.40	(0.01)	(0.68)	–	–	(0.69)	23.91
Dec. 31, 2018	23.99	0.68	(0.01)	0.43	(3.52)	(2.42)	–	(0.67)	(0.58)	–	(1.25)	20.20
Dec. 31, 2017	20.99	0.58	(0.01)	1.28	2.56	4.41	–	(0.57)	(0.81)	–	(1.38)	23.99

<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.

<sup>†</sup> 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>28.62</b>	<b>191 388</b>	<b>6 688</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	25.52	187 355	7 341	2.11	2.11	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	23.47	193 850	8 261	2.15	2.15	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	19.82	200 823	10 133	2.15	2.15	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017	23.52	261 879	11 136	2.15	2.15	45.32	0.19
<b>Advisor Series</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>29.07</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	25.93	1 117	43	2.10	2.10	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	23.83	5 064	212	2.08	2.08	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	20.12	6 205	308	2.06	2.06	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017	23.87	8 753	367	2.06	2.06	45.32	0.19
<b>Series T5</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>25.61</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	22.98	67	3	2.08	2.08	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	22.16	58	3	2.16	2.16	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	19.46	386	20	2.14	2.14	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	23.43	23	1	2.12	2.12	45.32	0.19
<b>Series D</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>29.03</b>	<b>30 791</b>	<b>1 061</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	25.86	27 662	1 070	1.25	1.25	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	23.75	27 373	1 153	1.26	1.26	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	20.06	27 898	1 391	1.26	1.26	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017	23.81	31 908	1 340	1.27	1.27	45.32	0.19



**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>30.86</b>	<b>92 256</b>	<b>2 989</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	27.49	73 162	2 661	0.98	0.98	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	25.25	67 608	2 678	0.97	0.97	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	21.33	63 817	2 992	0.97	0.97	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017	25.31	69 135	2 731	0.96	0.96	45.32	0.19
<b>Series FT5</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>28.48</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	25.38	437	17	0.97	0.97	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	24.20	194	8	0.99	0.99	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	21.00	305	15	1.01	1.01	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017 <sup>4</sup>	24.99	87	3	0.95	0.95	45.32	0.19
<b>Series O</b>							
<b>Dec. 31, 2021</b>	<b>29.20</b>	<b>7 839 806</b>	<b>268 497</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>26.08</b>	<b>0.10</b>
Dec. 31, 2020	26.03	7 227 255	277 662	0.02	0.02	47.41	0.15
Dec. 31, 2019	23.91	7 106 998	297 280	0.02	0.02	22.95	0.08
Dec. 31, 2018	20.20	5 787 495	286 535	0.02	0.02	50.32	0.17
Dec. 31, 2017	23.99	6 633 225	276 457	0.02	0.02	45.32	0.19

<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%.

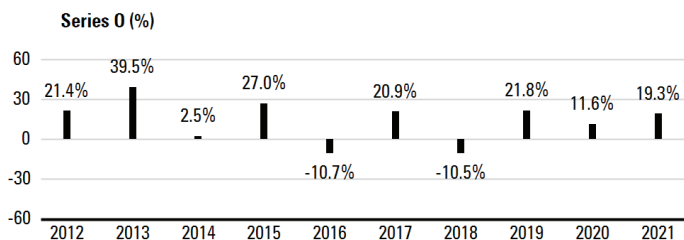
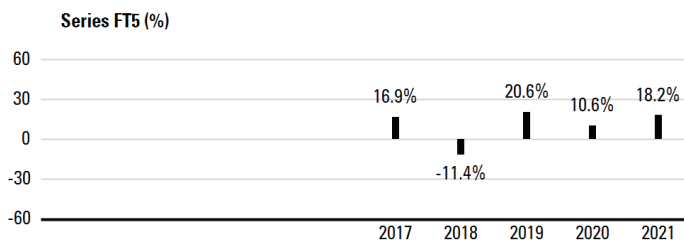
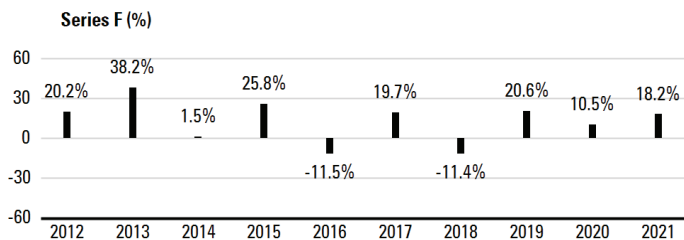
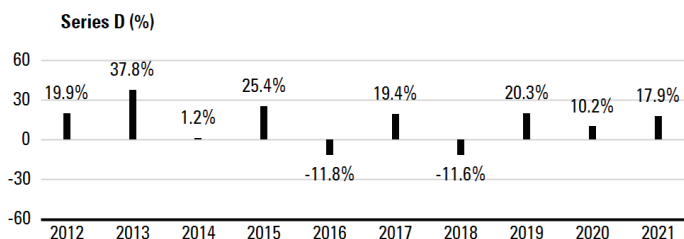
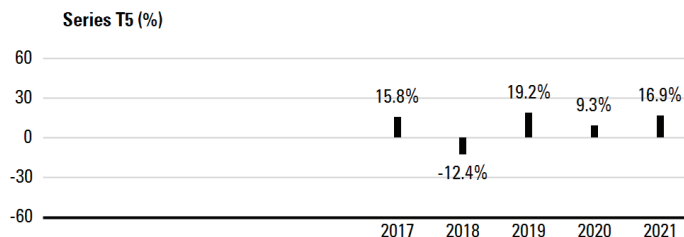
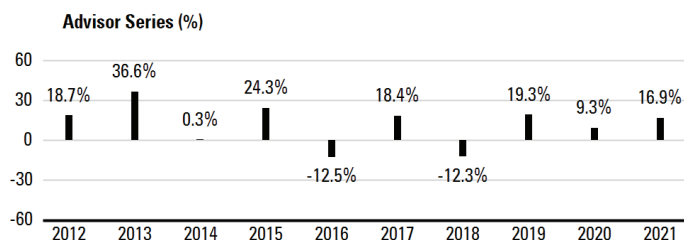
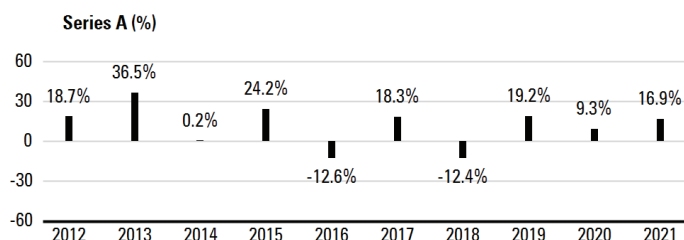


### PAST PERFORMANCE

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 Europe Total Return Net Index (CAD)

	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Since Inception
Series A	16.9	15.1	9.6	10.8	–
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	8.8	10.5	–
Advisor Series	16.9	15.1	9.6	10.8	–
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	8.8	10.5	–
Series T5	16.9	15.1	–	–	9.4
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	–	–	9.0
Series D	17.9	16.1	10.5	11.8	–
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	8.8	10.5	–
Series F	18.2	16.4	10.8	12.1	–
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	8.8	10.5	–
Series FT5	18.2	16.4	–	–	10.7
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	–	–	9.0
Series O	19.3	17.5	11.9	13.2	–
Benchmark	15.3	11.9	8.8	10.5	–

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 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.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at December 31, 2021

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
United Kingdom	36.8
France	15.6
Netherlands	11.5
Switzerland	9.0
Denmark	8.2
Sweden	4.4
Ireland	3.7
Finland	2.6
Germany	2.3
Spain	1.8
Other Countries	2.1
Cash/Other	2.0

### Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Novo Nordisk A/S	6.0
Diageo Plc.	5.4
LVMH Louis Vuitton Moët-Hennessy	5.3
ASML Holding N.V.	3.9
ING Groep N.V.	3.9
RELX Plc.	3.7
Ashtead Group Plc.	3.5
Barratt Developments Plc.	3.5
EssilorLuxottica	3.5
Heineken N.V.	3.3
Unilever Plc.	3.2
Experian Group Ltd.	3.2
Schneider Electric SE	3.0
Schroders Plc.	2.9
Nestlé S.A.	2.9
Linde Plc.	2.8
Sampo OYJ	2.5
Roche Holdings AG Genussscheine	2.4
SAP SE	2.3
Assa Abloy AB	2.2
Hargreaves Lansdown Plc.	2.1
London Stock Exchange Group Plc.	2.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.1
Ryanair Holdings Plc. ADR	1.9
Atlas Copco AB	1.8
Top 25 Holdings	79.4

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).