



INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

RBC EMERGING MARKETS SMALL-CAP EQUITY FUND

December 31, 2023

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 7, 2024.

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.

This annual management report of fund performance ("MRFP") contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the Fund. You can get a copy of the financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-800-463-FUND (3863), by writing to us at RBC Global Asset Management Inc., P.O. Box 7500, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 1P9, or by visiting our website at www.rbcgam.com/regulatorydocuments or SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca. Security holders may also contact us using one of these methods to request a copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of small-cap companies located or active in emerging markets.

To achieve the Fund's objectives, the portfolio manager primarily selects equity securities of companies in emerging market countries. The Fund's investment process is based primarily on fundamental research, although the portfolio manager will also consider quantitative and technical factors. Stock selection is ultimately based on an understanding of the company, its business and its outlook. The portfolio manager also assesses the economic outlook in each emerging market region, including expected growth, market valuations and economic trends. The Fund is diversified by sector and emerging market country to help reduce risk.

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 \$752 million as of December 31, 2023, from \$661 million at the end of 2022. The increase was due to investment returns, partially offset by net redemptions.

Over the past year, the Fund's Series F units gained 23.1%, which outperformed the 20.6% 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.

Emerging-market equities rose in 2023 to halt two years of declines, after subsiding inflation triggered interest-rate cuts and their promise of faster economic growth. The Information Technology sector drove emerging and developed markets, following the U.S., on expectations that advances in artificial intelligence ("AI") would spur demand for computer chips and other technology needed to fuel AI.

China, the largest constituent of the emerging-market benchmark, was a significant exception to the upbeat story for emerging markets. The removal of the country's remaining pandemic restrictions was taken by investors as a positive in early 2023, but consumers

and businesses did not spend and invest as had been expected, holding back Chinese equity markets. Overall, emerging markets underperformed developed markets.

Stock selection and sector selection had a positive impact on the Fund's relative returns during the period. Stock selection in the Real Estate and Financials sectors drove outperformance, and overall overweight exposure to Information Technology was also a positive. Stock selection in the Industrials and Health Care sectors was negative. At the country level, the positive impact of stock selection in India and China offset the negative impact of stock selection in South Korea. A lack of exposure to Thailand also had a positive impact on relative returns.

The top contributors to the Fund's relative returns during the period were Cyient, Corp Inmobiliaria Vesta, Cholamandalam Financial Holdings, Innodisk and Elite Material. Holdings that had the most negative impact on relative returns were InnoCare Pharma, Xiamen Faratronic, Aramex and Hongfa Technology. Returns were limited by the absence of Ecopro in the portfolio.

Recent Developments

Emerging-market returns are based largely on movements in the U.S. dollar, and the U.S. dollar's strength over the past decade has limited the performance of emerging-market equities. There are, however, reasons to believe that this trend may reverse. The first is that the U.S. Federal Reserve may be embarking on interest-rate cuts in 2024, which tend to coincide with a weakening U.S. dollar. Moreover, further declines in emerging-market currencies should be limited by their attractive valuations, relatively high inflation-adjusted interest rates and strong current accounts.

Aside from currency considerations are two factors that should support emerging-market performance over the medium term. First, emerging-market corporate earnings and economic growth look set to improve from cyclically low levels, driven by improved productivity, structural reforms and growth-friendly fiscal policies. Second, emerging-market stocks are attractively valued, particularly relative to developed markets, following the significant underperformance of recent years.

Effective July 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units were reduced to 0.07% from 0.10%.

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Effective January 1, 2023, Suromitra Sanatani was appointed as Chair of the Independent Review Committee ("the IRC"). Effective February 1, 2023, Joanne Vézina was appointed as a member of the IRC. Effective March 1, 2023, Enrique Cuyegkeng 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.

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, debt securities or mortgages from or sales of equity, debt securities or mortgages 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 ¹					Annual Distributions ²				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		
Series A												
Dec. 31, 2023	11.62	0.19	(0.29)	0.19	2.42	2.51	–	(0.01)	(0.03)	–	(0.04)	14.11
Dec. 31, 2022	14.27	0.28	(0.27)	(0.04)	(2.73)	(2.76)	–	(0.05)	–	–	(0.05)	11.62
Dec. 31, 2021	13.07	0.33	(0.32)	1.15	0.56	1.72	–	–	(0.47)	–	(0.47)	14.27
Dec. 31, 2020	12.35	0.28	(0.26)	(0.59)	1.44	0.87	–	–	–	–	–	13.07
Dec. 31, 2019	13.46	0.37	(0.29)	0.31	(1.03)	(0.64)	(0.02)	(0.16)	(0.30)	–	(0.48)	12.35
Series D												
Dec. 31, 2023	11.79	0.20	(0.18)	0.21	2.51	2.74	–	(0.13)	(0.03)	–	(0.16)	14.31
Dec. 31, 2022	14.48	0.28	(0.18)	(0.04)	(5.23)	(5.17)	–	(0.16)	–	–	(0.16)	11.79
Dec. 31, 2021	13.23	0.33	(0.20)	1.17	0.47	1.77	–	(0.09)	(0.48)	–	(0.57)	14.48
Dec. 31, 2020	12.48	0.28	(0.16)	(0.60)	1.06	0.58	–	(0.10)	–	–	(0.10)	13.23
Dec. 31, 2019	13.61	0.38	(0.18)	0.32	(1.02)	(0.50)	(0.03)	(0.25)	(0.31)	–	(0.59)	12.48
Series F												
Dec. 31, 2023	11.85	0.19	(0.15)	0.20	2.43	2.67	–	(0.17)	(0.03)	–	(0.20)	14.38
Dec. 31, 2022	14.55	0.28	(0.14)	(0.04)	(3.06)	(2.96)	–	(0.19)	–	–	(0.19)	11.85
Dec. 31, 2021	13.29	0.34	(0.16)	1.19	0.61	1.98	–	(0.13)	(0.48)	–	(0.61)	14.55
Dec. 31, 2020	12.55	0.28	(0.13)	(0.61)	0.91	0.45	–	(0.13)	–	–	(0.13)	13.29
Dec. 31, 2019	13.68	0.38	(0.15)	0.32	(1.15)	(0.60)	(0.03)	(0.29)	(0.31)	–	(0.63)	12.55
Series O												
Dec. 31, 2023	11.88	0.19	(0.01)	0.20	2.51	2.89	(0.01)	(0.31)	(0.03)	–	(0.35)	14.42
Dec. 31, 2022	14.59	0.29	(0.02)	(0.04)	(2.60)	(2.37)	–	(0.31)	–	–	(0.31)	11.88
Dec. 31, 2021	13.34	0.33	(0.02)	1.18	0.51	2.00	–	(0.27)	(0.49)	–	(0.76)	14.59
Dec. 31, 2020	12.58	0.29	(0.02)	(0.61)	1.35	1.01	–	(0.26)	–	–	(0.26)	13.34
Dec. 31, 2019	13.73	0.38	(0.02)	0.32	(1.06)	(0.38)	(0.05)	(0.41)	(0.31)	–	(0.77)	12.58

¹ 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.

² Distributions are reinvested in additional units of the Fund or paid in cash.

Ratios and Supplemental Data

As at	Net Asset Value Per Unit (\$)	Net Asset Value (\$000s)	Number of Units Outstanding (000s)	Management Expense Ratio (%) ¹	MER Before Absorption (%) ¹	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ²	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ³
Series A							
Dec. 31, 2023	14.11	5 210	369	2.23	2.23	24.60	0.12
Dec. 31, 2022	11.62	4 500	387	2.24	2.24	20.06	0.08
Dec. 31, 2021	14.27	6 543	459	2.23	2.23	29.71	0.12
Dec. 31, 2020	13.07	6 534	500	2.21	2.21	21.09	0.09
Dec. 31, 2019	12.35	5 573	451	2.21	2.21	20.61	0.11



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 (%) ¹	MER Before Absorption (%) ¹	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ²	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ³
Series D							
Dec. 31, 2023	14.31	559	39	1.35	1.35	24.60	0.12
Dec. 31, 2022	11.79	371	31	1.37	1.37	20.06	0.08
Dec. 31, 2021	14.48	2 802	194	1.37	1.37	29.71	0.12
Dec. 31, 2020	13.23	2 827	214	1.38	1.38	21.09	0.09
Dec. 31, 2019	12.48	3 074	246	1.37	1.37	20.61	0.11
Series F							
Dec. 31, 2023	14.38	10 972	763	1.12	1.12	24.60	0.12
Dec. 31, 2022	11.85	9 660	815	1.13	1.13	20.06	0.08
Dec. 31, 2021	14.55	17 747	1 220	1.14	1.14	29.71	0.12
Dec. 31, 2020	13.29	36 261	2 728	1.13	1.13	21.09	0.09
Dec. 31, 2019	12.55	35 189	2 805	1.12	1.12	20.61	0.11
Series O							
Dec. 31, 2023	14.42	735 747	51 017	0.09	0.09	24.60	0.12
Dec. 31, 2022	11.88	646 404	54 416	0.17	0.17	20.06	0.08
Dec. 31, 2021	14.59	760 853	52 185	0.17	0.17	29.71	0.12
Dec. 31, 2020	13.34	597 076	44 775	0.17	0.17	21.09	0.09
Dec. 31, 2019	12.58	524 711	41 695	0.16	0.16	20.61	0.11

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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 July 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units were reduced to 0.07% from 0.10%. If the changes to the administration fees would have been in effect throughout the financial year ended December 31, 2023, the adjusted MER for each series of the Fund would be: Series O – 0.08%.

Effective January 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units were reduced to 0.10% from 0.15%. If the changes to the administration 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 O – 0.11%.

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 Distribution		Administration Fees [†]
		Distribution	Other*	
Series A	1.85%	54%	46%	0.15%
Series D	1.10%	23%	77%	0.15%
Series F	0.85%	–	100%	0.15%
Series O	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.07%

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 January 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units were reduced to 0.10% from 0.15%. Effective July 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units were reduced to 0.07% from 0.10%.

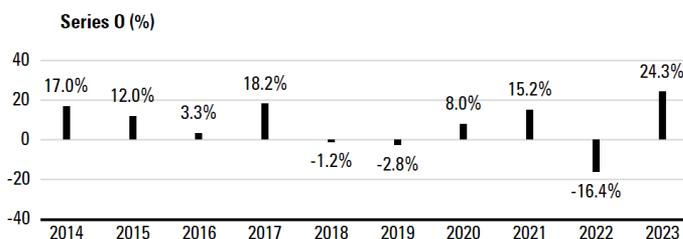
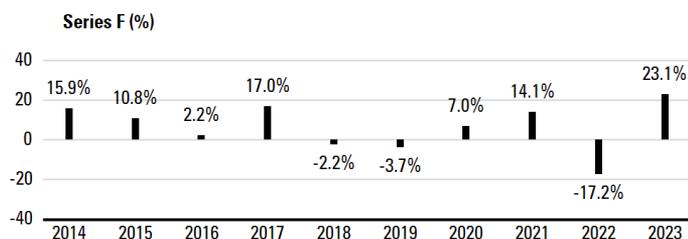
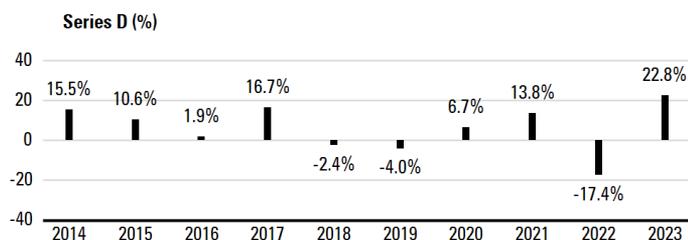
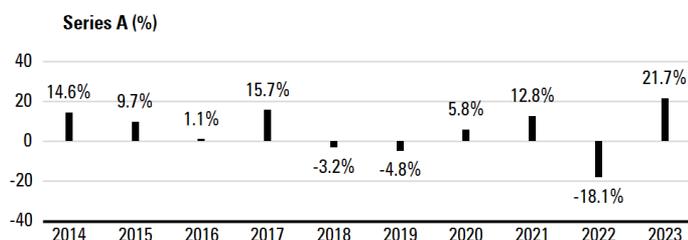


PAST PERFORMANCE

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.



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, 2023, compared with the following benchmark:

MSCI Emerging Markets Small-Cap Total Return Net Index (CAD)

	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Since Inception
Series A	21.7	4.0	2.5	4.9	—
Benchmark	20.6	7.7	9.1	7.6	—
Series D	22.8	4.9	3.4	5.8	—
Benchmark	20.6	7.7	9.1	7.6	—
Series F	23.1	5.1	3.7	6.0	—
Benchmark	20.6	7.7	9.1	7.6	—
Series 0	24.3	6.2	4.7	7.1	—
Benchmark	20.6	7.7	9.1	7.6	—

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.

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

MSCI Emerging Markets Small-Cap Total Return Net Index (CAD) This index is a broad measure of the Canadian-dollar performance of small-capitalization companies in emerging markets. 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, 2023

Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
India	26.2
Taiwan	20.7
South Korea	12.7
China	8.7
Brazil	7.0
Mexico	6.5
Philippines	3.7
Chile	3.4
South Africa	3.4
Bangladesh	1.7
Other Countries	6.5
Cash/Other	(0.5)

Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Cyient Ltd.	4.3
Chroma ATE Inc.	4.1
Phoenix Mills Ltd.	3.8
Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd.	3.6
Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund	3.5
Corp Inmobiliaria Vesta S.A.B. de C.V.	3.5
Century Pacific Food Inc.	3.3
Cholamandalam Financial Holdings Ltd.	3.1
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	2.9
LEENO Industrial Inc.	2.8
AVI Ltd.	2.6
Soulbrain Co. Ltd.	2.6
Innodisk Corp.	2.5
Multiplan Empreendimentos Imobiliarios S.A.	2.4
Giant Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	2.2
Poya International Co. Ltd.	2.1
Regional S.A.B. de C.V.	2.0
Sundaram Finance Ltd.	2.0
Fleury S.A.	2.0
Tube Investments of India Ltd.	2.0
ASPEED Technology Inc.	1.9
Hongfa Technology Co. Ltd.	1.9
SLC Agricola S.A.	1.9
Parque Arauco S.A.	1.7
Inversiones La Construccion S.A.	1.7
Top 25 Holdings	66.4

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/regulatorydocuments.