



GLOBAL EQUITY FUND

**RBC QUBE LOW VOLATILITY
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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, 2019.

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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 global companies using a quantitative approach. The Fund seeks to achieve a reduced level of volatility of returns compared with the broader global equity market.

The Fund is managed using a quantitative investment model designed to select individual stocks while controlling portfolio-level risk. This involves building a portfolio that maximizes exposure to factors associated with outperformance, while controlling for exposure to risk factors. The portfolio manager will diversify across industries within the global market.

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 \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2018, from \$1.0 billion at the end of 2017. The increase was due to a combination of net inflows and investment returns.

Over the past year, the Fund's Series A units gained 4.4%, which outperformed the 0.5% decline 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.

A decade-long period of investor-friendly monetary stimulus and ultralow interest rates appeared to start receding in 2018, leading to concern about the outlook for earnings and borrowing. The U.S. Federal Reserve, in particular, was clear about its plan to raise interest rates steadily and it followed through, fearful that the relatively strong U.S. economy would experience uncomfortably high inflation if rates did not increase.

Escalating trade conflicts, especially between the U.S. and China, and geopolitical uncertainty helped trigger global stock-market declines, with emerging markets underperforming developed markets. In Europe, U.K. politicians failed to agree on terms by which the U.K. would leave the European Union (the "EU"), while in Italy the formation of a coalition government committed to higher spending led to bond- and equity-market volatility, as well as friction with the EU.

A holding in Magna International hurt performance during the period. Positions in the Consumer Staples sector also held back returns. A position in Pepsico had a negative impact on performance during the year.

In the Utilities sector, the Fund's position in CLP Holdings added significantly to returns. The Health Care sector also performed well during the year, with big contributions from Roche and United Health.

Recent Developments

A slowdown in the global economic expansion is among the variables that will influence equity and other financial markets in 2019. Growth has been kept afloat by the U.S. in recent quarters, but stock declines have many investors questioning whether a global recession might soon unfold.

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.

Brokers and Dealers

The Fund has established standard brokerage and dealing agreements at market rates with related parties. These related-party commissions were \$5,000 (2017 – \$5,000) or 1% (2017 – 1%) 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 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, 2018	18.01	0.47	(0.39)	0.66	0.07	0.81	–	(0.04)	(0.38)	–	(0.42)	18.38
Dec. 31, 2017	17.12	0.46	(0.38)	1.05	0.38	1.51	–	(0.07)	(0.63)	–	(0.70)	18.01
Dec. 31, 2016	17.01	0.45	(0.36)	0.64	(0.17)	0.56	–	–	(0.39)	–	(0.39)	17.12
Dec. 31, 2015	14.48	0.44	(0.35)	0.70	1.90	2.69	–	–	(0.27)	–	(0.27)	17.01
Dec. 31, 2014	12.32	0.34	(0.30)	0.86	1.63	2.53	–	(0.02)	(0.28)	–	(0.30)	14.48
Advisor Series												
Dec. 31, 2018	17.99	0.47	(0.39)	0.66	0.03	0.77	–	(0.04)	(0.38)	–	(0.42)	18.36
Dec. 31, 2017	17.10	0.46	(0.38)	1.05	0.40	1.53	–	(0.06)	(0.63)	–	(0.69)	17.99
Dec. 31, 2016	17.00	0.44	(0.37)	0.64	(0.15)	0.56	–	–	(0.39)	–	(0.39)	17.10
Dec. 31, 2015	14.48	0.43	(0.36)	0.69	1.87	2.63	–	–	(0.27)	–	(0.27)	17.00
Dec. 31, 2014	12.32	0.35	(0.29)	0.88	1.66	2.60	–	(0.03)	(0.28)	–	(0.31)	14.48
Series T5												
Dec. 31, 2018	17.38	0.45	(0.36)	0.62	0.03	0.74	–	(0.06)	(0.36)	(0.45)	(0.87)	17.27
Dec. 31, 2017	16.70	0.44	(0.36)	1.00	0.46	1.54	–	(0.08)	(0.69)	(0.06)	(0.83)	17.38
Dec. 31, 2016 ³	16.71 [†]	0.38	(0.33)	0.55	0.17	0.77	–	(0.05)	(0.46)	(0.27)	(0.78)	16.70
Series D												
Dec. 31, 2018	18.21	0.48	(0.23)	0.67	0.04	0.96	–	(0.20)	(0.40)	–	(0.60)	18.58
Dec. 31, 2017	17.32	0.47	(0.23)	1.07	0.38	1.69	–	(0.22)	(0.65)	–	(0.87)	18.21
Dec. 31, 2016	17.20	0.45	(0.22)	0.65	(0.20)	0.68	–	(0.14)	(0.39)	–	(0.53)	17.32
Dec. 31, 2015	14.62	0.45	(0.22)	0.72	1.95	2.90	–	(0.12)	(0.27)	–	(0.39)	17.20
Dec. 31, 2014	12.38	0.34	(0.18)	0.87	1.64	2.67	–	(0.09)	(0.28)	–	(0.37)	14.62
Series F												
Dec. 31, 2018	18.18	0.48	(0.19)	0.67	(0.02)	0.94	–	(0.25)	(0.40)	–	(0.65)	18.53
Dec. 31, 2017	17.29	0.47	(0.18)	1.07	0.21	1.57	–	(0.27)	(0.66)	–	(0.93)	18.18
Dec. 31, 2016	17.19	0.43	(0.18)	0.62	(0.21)	0.66	–	(0.19)	(0.39)	–	(0.58)	17.29
Dec. 31, 2015	14.60	0.45	(0.17)	0.72	1.95	2.95	–	(0.16)	(0.27)	–	(0.43)	17.19
Dec. 31, 2014	12.42	0.36	(0.15)	0.90	1.71	2.82	–	(0.19)	(0.28)	–	(0.47)	14.60
Series FT5												
Dec. 31, 2018	17.65	0.46	(0.17)	0.64	(0.28)	0.65	–	(0.25)	(0.45)	(0.18)	(0.88)	17.74
Dec. 31, 2017	17.04	0.44	(0.17)	1.01	0.01	1.29	–	(0.26)	(0.89)	–	(1.15)	17.65
Dec. 31, 2016 ³	16.90 [†]	0.37	(0.16)	0.53	0.25	0.99	–	(0.20)	(0.61)	–	(0.81)	17.04
Series O												
Dec. 31, 2018	18.24	0.48	–	0.68	0.03	1.19	–	(0.44)	(0.40)	–	(0.84)	18.60
Dec. 31, 2017	17.36	0.47	–	1.08	0.42	1.97	–	(0.46)	(0.66)	–	(1.12)	18.24
Dec. 31, 2016	17.25	0.45	–	0.65	(0.13)	0.97	–	(0.36)	(0.40)	–	(0.76)	17.36
Dec. 31, 2015	14.66	0.46	–	0.73	1.97	3.16	–	(0.34)	(0.28)	–	(0.62)	17.25
Dec. 31, 2014	12.42	0.35	–	0.89	1.69	2.93	–	(0.28)	(0.29)	–	(0.57)	14.66

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.

³ From January 25, 2016.

[†] Initial offering net asset value per unit.



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 (%) ¹	MER Before Absorption (%) ¹	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ²	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ³
Series A							
Dec. 31, 2018	18.38	179 811	9 785	2.08	2.08	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	18.01	181 355	10 070	2.08	2.08	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016	17.12	144 389	8 435	2.11	2.11	77.01	0.07
Dec. 31, 2015	17.01	88 701	5 213	2.20	2.20	35.60	0.08
Dec. 31, 2014	14.48	24 317	1 679	2.21	2.21	60.53	0.07
Advisor Series							
Dec. 31, 2018	18.36	45 623	2 486	2.10	2.10	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	17.99	38 985	2 167	2.11	2.11	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016	17.10	32 556	1 904	2.16	2.16	77.01	0.07
Dec. 31, 2015	17.00	17 809	1 047	2.23	2.23	35.60	0.08
Dec. 31, 2014	14.48	3 409	235	2.20	2.20	60.53	0.07
Series T5							
Dec. 31, 2018	17.27	1 535	89	2.07	2.07	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	17.38	1 472	85	2.08	2.08	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016 ⁴	16.70	640	38	2.11	2.11	77.01	0.07
Series D							
Dec. 31, 2018	18.58	76 491	4 117	1.24	1.24	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	18.21	73 515	4 036	1.24	1.24	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016	17.32	56 186	3 245	1.28	1.28	77.01	0.07
Dec. 31, 2015	17.20	38 261	2 224	1.35	1.35	35.60	0.08
Dec. 31, 2014	14.62	14 227	973	1.34	1.34	60.53	0.07
Series F							
Dec. 31, 2018	18.53	125 901	6 793	0.99	0.99	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	18.18	88 370	4 861	1.00	1.00	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016	17.29	59 170	3 422	1.04	1.04	77.01	0.07
Dec. 31, 2015	17.19	11 507	669	1.07	1.07	35.60	0.08
Dec. 31, 2014	14.60	3 751	257	1.11	1.11	60.53	0.07
Series FT5							
Dec. 31, 2018	17.74	1 314	74	0.96	0.96	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	17.65	826	47	0.97	0.97	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016 ⁴	17.04	241	14	1.03	1.03	77.01	0.07
Series O							
Dec. 31, 2018	18.60	777 875	41 824	0.02	0.02	50.85	0.04
Dec. 31, 2017	18.24	630 805	34 576	0.02	0.02	70.35	0.06
Dec. 31, 2016	17.36	477 605	27 519	0.02	0.02	77.01	0.07
Dec. 31, 2015	17.25	279 059	16 177	0.02	0.02	35.60	0.08
Dec. 31, 2014	14.66	112 300	7 659	0.02	0.02	60.53	0.07

¹ The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on expenses 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 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.

⁴ From January 25, 2016.

Effective June 30, 2016, the management fees were changed in respect of Series A, Advisor Series, Series T5, Series D, Series F and Series FT5 units of the Fund. If the changes to the management fees would have been in effect throughout 2016, the adjusted MER for each series of the Fund would be: Series A – 2.06%, Advisor Series – 2.11%, Series T5 – 2.15%, Series D – 1.24%, Series F – 1.00% and Series FT5 – 1.02%.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

Management Fees

RBC GAM is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the Fund. Management fees of each series of the Fund are calculated at the annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily net asset value of each series of the Fund. The breakdown of the services received in consideration of the management fees for each series, as a percentage of the management fees, is as follows:

	Management Fees	Breakdown of Services	
		Distribution	Other*
Series A	1.75%	57%	43%
Advisor Series	1.75%	57%	43%
Series T5	1.75%	57%	43%
Series D	1.00%	25%	75%
Series F	0.75%	–	100%
Series FT5	0.75%	–	100%

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.

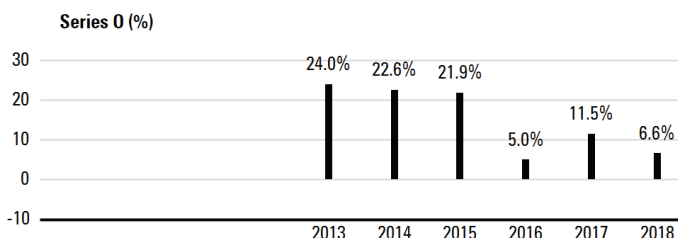
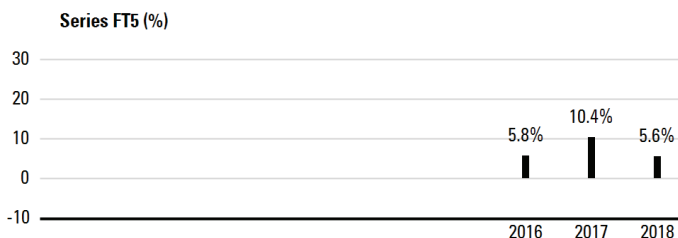
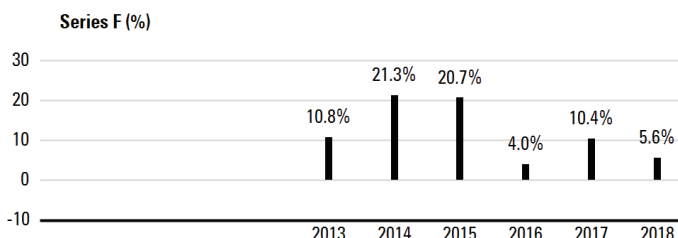
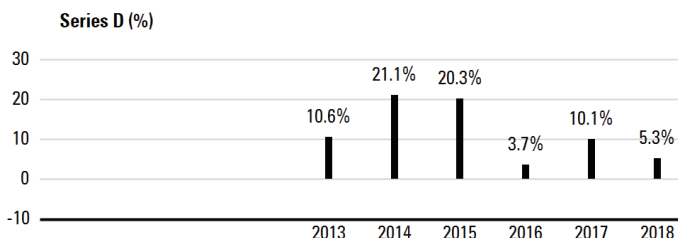
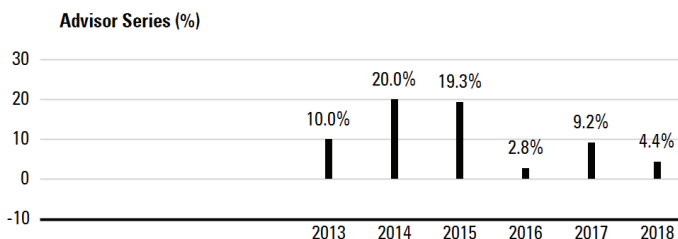
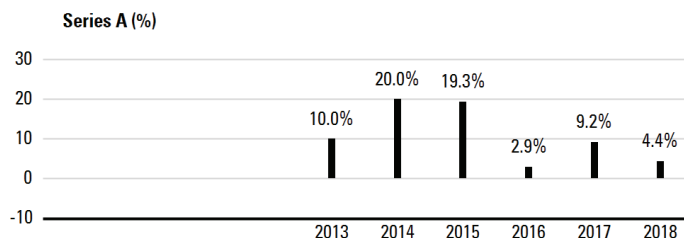
* Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

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, 2018, compared with the following benchmark:

MSCI World Total Return Net Index (CAD)

	Past Year	Past 3 Years	Past 5 Years	Past 10 Years	Since Inception
Series A	4.4	5.5	10.9	–	11.3
Benchmark	-0.5	5.7	9.9	–	12.7
Advisor Series	4.4	5.4	10.9	–	11.3
Benchmark	-0.5	5.7	9.9	–	12.7
Series T5	4.4	–	–	–	6.2
Benchmark	-0.5	–	–	–	8.2
Series D	5.3	6.4	11.9	–	12.2
Benchmark	-0.5	5.7	9.9	–	12.7
Series F	5.6	6.6	12.1	–	12.5
Benchmark	-0.5	5.7	9.9	–	12.7
Series FT5	5.6	–	–	–	7.4
Benchmark	-0.5	–	–	–	8.2
Series O	6.6	7.7	13.3	–	15.1
Benchmark	-0.5	5.7	9.9	–	14.0

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

Series T5 and Series FT5 units have been available for sale to unitholders since January 25, 2016, Series A, Advisor Series, Series D and Series F units since April 8, 2013, and Series O units since January 18, 2013.

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

INDEX DESCRIPTION

MSCI World Total Return Net Index (CAD) This index is the capitalization-weighted index measuring the Canadian dollar performance of selected companies listed on stock exchanges in countries around the world. 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, 2018

Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
United States	55.4
Japan	13.2
Canada	8.0
Switzerland	5.2
Hong Kong	4.7
Belgium	2.9
Israel	2.4
United Kingdom	1.0
Singapore	0.9
Other Countries	5.9
Cash/Other	0.4

Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Royal Bank of Canada	2.9
Duke Energy Corp.	2.8
Roche Holdings AG Genusscheine	2.8
Exelon Corp.	2.7
Colruyt S.A.	2.7
Consolidated Edison Inc.	2.7
The Coca-Cola Co.	2.6
BCE Inc.	2.2
NTT DoCoMo Inc.	2.2
CLP Holdings Ltd.	2.0
Loews Corp.	1.7
Pfizer Inc.	1.7
Xcel Energy Inc.	1.7
Johnson & Johnson	1.6
Bank of Montreal	1.6
Yum! Brands, Inc.	1.6
Amgen Inc.	1.6
The Procter & Gamble Co.	1.6
Mastercard Inc.	1.4
Intuit Inc.	1.4
Colgate-Palmolive Company	1.3
Garmin Ltd.	1.3
Astellas Pharma Inc.	1.2
Novo Nordisk A/S	1.2
Accenture Plc., Class A	1.1
Top 25 Holdings	47.6

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/funds.