



U.S. EQUITY ETF

RBC U.S. DIVIDEND COVERED CALL ETF

September 30, 2023

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 December 7, 2023.

A Note on Forward-looking Statements

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This annual management report of fund performance ("MRFP") contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the ETF. You can get a copy of the financial statements at your request, and at no cost, by calling 1-855-RBC-ETFS (722-3837), 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 ETF's proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure.



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

The ETF seeks to provide unitholders with exposure to the performance of a diversified portfolio of high-quality U.S. equity securities that are expected to provide regular income from dividends and have the potential for long term capital growth, while mitigating some downside risk through the use of covered call options. The ETF invests primarily in an actively managed portfolio of U.S. companies with above-average dividend yield or with good prospects of paying or growing their dividends. Depending on market volatility and other factors, the ETF will write covered call options on some of these securities.

Risk

There were no significant changes to the ETF that materially affected the ETF's overall level of risk during the reporting period. The risks of investing in the ETF and the suitability of the ETF for investors remain as discussed in the Prospectus.

Results of Operations

The ETF was launched on January 17, 2023, and its net asset value was \$9 million as of September 30, 2023. Investment performance is not provided for a fund that has been available for less than one year.

Recent Developments

Effective February 1, 2023, Joanne Vézina was appointed as a member of the Independent Review Committee ("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 ETF. RBC GAM is responsible for the ETF's day-to-day operations, holds title to the ETF's property on behalf of its unitholders, and provides investment advice and portfolio management services to the ETF. RBC GAM is paid a management fee by the ETF as compensation for its services. The management fee is calculated and accrued on a daily basis and is based on a percentage of the net asset value of the ETF.

RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the ETF, such as banking, brokerage, securities lending, foreign exchange and derivatives transactions. RBC GAM or its affiliates may earn a foreign exchange spread when unitholders buy and sell ETF units denominated in different currencies. The ETF may also maintain

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 ETF in the course of their normal businesses are discussed below.

Custodian and Valuation Agent

RBC Investor Services Trust ("RBC IS") is the custodian and valuation agent and holds the assets of the ETF and provides administrative services to the ETF. RBC IS earns a fee for these services, which is paid by the manager from the management fee paid by the ETF.

Designated Broker

RBC GAM has entered into an agreement with RBC Dominion Securities Inc., an affiliate of RBC GAM, to act as designated broker and/or authorized dealer for the distribution of units of the ETF, on terms and conditions that are comparable to arm's length agreements in the ETF industry. The material terms and conditions of the agreement have been disclosed in the ETF's Prospectus.

Securities Lending Agent

To the extent the ETF may engage in securities lending transactions, RBC IS may act as the ETF's securities lending agent. Any revenue earned on such securities lending is split between the ETF and the securities lending agent.

Brokers and Dealers

The ETF has established standard brokerage and dealing agreements at market rates with related parties. For the periods ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, the related-party commissions were \$2,000 (2022 – \$0) or 17% (2022 – 0%) of the total transaction costs paid for this ETF.

Other Related-Party Transactions

Pursuant to applicable securities legislation, the ETF 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 debt securities from or sales of debt securities to a related-party dealer, where it acted as principal.



The applicable standing instructions require that Related-Party Trading Activities 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 ETF, (iii) is in compliance with RBC GAM policies and procedures, and (iv) achieves a fair and reasonable result for the ETF.



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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following tables show selected key financial information about the ETF and are intended to help you understand the ETF's financial performance for the past five financial years or for the periods since inception. This information is derived from the ETF'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		
CAD Units												
Sept. 30, 2023	20.00	0.55	(0.14)	0.26	(1.09)	(0.42)	–	(0.81)	–	–	(0.81)	19.05
Sept. 30, 2022 ³	20.00 [†]	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20.00
USD Units*												
Sept. 30, 2023⁴	14.43[†]	0.09	(0.02)	0.04	0.44	0.55	–	(0.30)	–	–	(0.30)	14.09

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 either paid in cash, reinvested in additional units of the ETF, or both.

³ From August 23, 2022.

⁴ From April 19, 2023.

* Stated in U.S. dollars.

[†] 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 (%) ¹	MER Before Absorption (%) ¹	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ²	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ³	Closing Market Price (\$)
CAD Units								
Sept. 30, 2023	19.05	6 667	350	0.75	0.75	169.40	0.28	19.13
Sept. 30, 2022 ⁴	–	–	–	–	0.72	–	–	–
USD Units*								
Sept. 30, 2023⁵	14.09	1 409	100	0.75	0.75	169.40	0.28	14.11

¹ The management expense ratio ("MER") is based on the direct expenses charged to the ETF and the ETF'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 ETF'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 ETF buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher the ETF's portfolio turnover rate in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the ETF 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 ETF.

³ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs of the ETF and the ETF'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.

⁴ From August 23, 2022.

⁵ From April 19, 2023.

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Management Fees

RBC GAM is the manager, trustee and portfolio manager of the ETF. RBC GAM is paid a management fee per annum of the net asset value by the ETF as compensation for its services. The management fee of the ETF is calculated at the following annual percentages, before GST/HST, of the daily net asset value of the class of the ETF.

	Management Fees
CAD Units	0.64%
USD Units	0.64%



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PAST PERFORMANCE

Investment performance in respect of an ETF that has been available for less than one year is not provided. CAD Units of this ETF were launched on January 17, 2023 and USD Units were launched on May 18, 2023.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at September 30, 2023

Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology	26.8
Health Care	18.1
Consumer Staples	9.9
Financials	8.6
Industrials	7.8
Energy	7.5
Consumer Discretionary	6.6
Communication Services	5.8
Utilities	4.2
Underlying Funds	4.2
Call Options	(0.5)
Cash/Other	1.0

Top 25 Holdings – Long Positions

	% of Net Asset Value
Apple Inc.	8.6
Microsoft Corp.	8.5
Chevron Corp.	5.2
iShares U.S. Real Estate ETF	4.2
Home Depot Inc.	3.6
PepsiCo Inc.	3.1
Philip Morris International Inc.	3.1
McDonald's Corp.	3.0
AbbVie Inc.	2.9
Merck & Co. Inc.	2.9
Johnson & Johnson	2.8
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	2.8
CVS Health Corp.	2.7
Texas Instruments Inc.	2.7
Comcast Corp. Class A	2.6
Bank of America Corp.	2.6
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.	2.4
Elevance Health Inc.	2.4
Honeywell International Inc.	2.4
Union Pacific Corp.	2.4
Cisco Systems Inc.	2.4
Lam Research Corp.	2.4
ConocoPhillips	2.3
Morgan Stanley	2.2
Broadcom Inc.	2.2
Top 25 Holdings – Long Positions	82.4

Top 25 Holdings – Short Positions

	% of Net Asset Value
American Electric Power Call@82.5 October 20, 2023	–
Apple Inc. Call@190 October 20, 2023	–
Apple Inc. Call@190 November 17, 2023	–
Bank of America Corp. Call@30 November 17, 2023	–
Broadcom Inc. Call@900 November 17, 2023	–
Comcast Corp. Call@47.5 November 17, 2023	–
CVS Health Corp. Call@75 October 20, 2023	–
CVS Health Corp. Call@75 November 17, 2023	–
Elevance Health Inc. Call@480 October 20, 2023	–
Home Depot Inc. Call@330 November 17, 2023	–
Johnson & Johnson Call@165 November 17, 2023	–
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Call@155 October 20, 2023	–
J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. Call@155 October 20, 2023	–
Lam Research Corp. Call@710 October 20, 2023	–
Lam Research Corp. Call@710 November 17, 2023	–
Merck & Co. Inc. Call@110 November 17, 2023	–
Morgan Stanley Call@90 October 20, 2023	–
Morgan Stanley Call@90 October 20, 2023	–
Morgan Stanley Call@90 November 17, 2023	–
PepsiCo Inc. Call@185 October 20, 2023	–
PepsiCo Inc. Call@180 November 17, 2023	–
PNC Financial Services Group Inc. Call@130 November 17, 2023	–
Procter & Gamble Co. Call@155 November 17, 2023	–
Target Corp. Call@125 November 17, 2023	–
Texas Instruments Inc. Call@175 November 17, 2023	–
Top 25 Holdings – Short Positions	–
Top Holdings	82.4

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the ETF and a quarterly update is available at www.rbcgam.com/regulatorydocuments.