

MONEY MARKET FUND

# RBC PREMIUM \$U.S. MONEY MARKET FUND

June 30, 2023

Portfolio Manager RBC Global Asset Management Inc. ("RBC GAM")

The Board of Directors of RBC Global Asset Management Inc. approved this interim management report of fund performance on August 9, 2023.

#### 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," "estimate," "forecast," "objective" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

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This interim management report of fund performance ("MRFP") contains financial highlights but does not contain either the complete interim financial statements or 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 (in USD)

#### **Investment Objective and Strategies**

The Fund seeks to provide current income and liquidity consistent with short-term money-market rates for investors who have at least US\$100,000 to invest.

To preserve the value of the investment, the Fund is invested primarily in high-quality, short-term (one year or less) debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars. These include treasury bills issued or guaranteed by Canadian or foreign governments, bankers acceptances and commercial paper issued by Canadian or foreign corporations and agencies such as the World Bank.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Fund's net asset value was \$397 million as of June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, the current yields were 5.08% for Series A units and 5.19% for Series F units.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series F units returned 2.41%. The Fund's return is after the deduction of fees and expenses. 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.

U.S. money-market yields rose in line with the short-term U.S. benchmark interest rate on expectations that unexpectedly resilient economic growth would force the U.S. Federal Reserve (the "Fed") to continue tightening monetary policy. Short-term rates were bolstered by robust employment, housing prices and consumer demand, specifically for services, as economic growth defied the Fed's biggest rate hikes of the past 40 years.

Strong economic growth came in the face of March's short-lived regional-banking crisis, which resulted in part from the rapid increase in rate hikes. Also tending to push short-term yields higher was concern that U.S. legislators would fail to reach agreement on lifting the debt ceiling, as investors shied away from short-dated Treasury bills until an accord was reached in early June.

The portfolio manager emphasized locking in higher yields during the period given the possibility that a slowing economy would result in a drop in yields later this year. Issuance of corporate paper was limited, and the Fund's holdings therefore remained concentrated in asset-backed commercial paper, which offered both higher yields and more flexible maturities. Regulatory liquidity was satisfied through holdings of overnight term deposits and U.S.-dollar-denominated government paper, and via maturity management.

#### **Recent Developments**

Stress in money markets has been eased by government-assisted bank mergers and the benign resolution of the debt-ceiling standoff, which effectively removes the issue as a high-profile consideration for investors until 2025. Another positive is falling inflation due to the easing of supply-chain problems and a muted reopening of the Chinese economy. The portfolio manager believes that we are approaching the end of the Fed's current rate-hiking cycle and will therefore seek opportunities to lock in higher yields.

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.

## 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



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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 (in USD)

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 six months (noted by June 30, 2023), and for the past five years or for the periods since inception. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements and audited annual financial statements.

#### **Change in Net Assets Per Unit**

							Annual Distributions <sup>2</sup>					
			Increase (De	ecrease) from	Operations <sup>1</sup>		From					
		Total		Realized	Unrealized		Income		From			Net Assets
For the Year/	Net Assets	Revenue	Total	Gains	Gains		(Excluding	From	Capital	Return		End of
Period Ended	Beginning of Year/Period	(Loss)	Expenses	(Losses)	(Losses)	Total	Dividends)	Dividends	Gains	of Capital	Total	Year/Period
Series A												
June 30, 2023	10.00	0.26	(0.02)	_	-	0.24	(0.24)	-	-	_	(0.24)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	0.14	(0.02)	-	-	0.12	(0.16)	-	-	-	(0.16)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	0.03	(0.02)	-	-	0.01	(0.01)	-	-	-	(0.01)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	0.10	(0.03)	-	-	0.07	(0.07)	-	-	-	(0.07)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.26	(0.04)	-	-	0.22	(0.22)	-	-	-	(0.22)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.02	0.25	(0.03)	-	-	0.22	(0.20)	-	(0.24)	-	(0.44)	10.00
Series F												
June 30, 2023	10.00	0.25	(0.01)	_	-	0.24	(0.24)	-	-	-	(0.24)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	0.22	(0.02)	-	-	0.20	(0.17)	-	_	-	(0.17)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	0.02	(0.01)	_	-	0.01	(0.01)	-	_	_	(0.01)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	0.10	(0.02)	-	-	0.08	(0.08)	-	_	-	(0.08)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.25	(0.02)	-	-	0.23	(0.23)	-	_	-	(0.23)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.02	0.24	(0.02)	_	_	0.22	(0.20)	_	(0.24)	_	(0.44)	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.



(in USD)

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (in USD) (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>
Series A							
June 30, 2023	10.00	212 346	21 235	0.35	0.35	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	173 779	17 376	0.22	0.38	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	411 125	41 113	0.16	0.41	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	570 051	57 005	0.29	0.41	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	561 955	56 196	0.35	0.41	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	505 816	50 582	0.26	0.41	n/a	_
Series F							
June 30, 2023	10.00	184 272	18 427	0.24	0.24	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	105 283	10 527	0.19	0.26	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	41 204	4 120	0.13	0.29	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	96 574	9 657	0.19	0.29	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	178 895	17 890	0.24	0.29	n/a	-
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	96 560	9 656	0.24	0.30	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 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 August 15, 2022, the management fees for Series A units were reduced to 0.30% from 0.35%; and for Series F units were reduced to 0.20% from 0.25%. If the changes to the management fees would have been in effect throughout the financial year ended December 31, 2022, the adjusted MER and adjusted MER before absorption for each series of the Fund would be: Series A – 0.34% and 0.35%, and Series F – 0.24% and 0.23%, respectively.

#### **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	Breakdown o	Administration		
	Fees*	Distribution	Other <sup>†</sup>	Fees	
Series A	0.30%	71%	29%	0.02%	
Series F	0.20%	-	100%	0.02%	

\* Effective August 15, 2022, the management fees for Series A units were reduced to 0.30% from 0.35%; and for Series F units were reduced to 0.20% from 0.25%.

<sup>†</sup> Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

## PAST PERFORMANCE (in USD)

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.

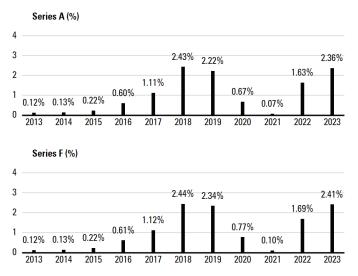


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# PAST PERFORMANCE (in USD) (cont.)

## 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 or interim period.



Inception dates are not provided for series that have been in existence for more than 10 years. For the 12-month periods ended December 31 and the six-month period ended June 30, 2023.

### SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO (in USD)

(after consideration of derivative products, if any) As at June 30, 2023

## **Investment Mix**

	% of Net Asset Value
Commercial Paper	68.5
Bankers Acceptances and Bank Obligations	16.3
Federal Obligations	11.6
Provincial Obligations	3.6

# **Top 25 Holdings**

	% of Net Asset Value
Farm Credit Canada 5.134% Jul 26, 2023	6.4
Enbridge Pipelines Inc. 5.449% Jul 24, 2023	4.4
Province of Quebec 5.110% Jul 18, 2023	3.6
Fusion Trust 5.451% Aug 08, 2023	3.3
STABLE Trust 5.354% Aug 04, 2023	3.0
Canadian Master Trust 5.459% Aug 10, 2023	3.0
Clarity Trust 5.454% Jul 27, 2023	3.0
Safe Trust 5.520% Sep 21, 2023	2.6
Merit Trust 5.496% Jul 06, 2023	2.5
Safe Trust 5.449% Jul 07, 2023	2.5
Fusion Trust 5.444% Jul 27, 2023	2.4
SOUND Trust 5.354% Aug 04, 2023	2.4
Zeus Receivables Trust 5.531% Oct 19, 2023	2.2
Caisse Centrale Desjardins 5.146% Jul 27, 2023	2.0
SOUND Trust 5.518% Aug 01, 2023	1.9
Toronto-Dominion Bank 5.400% Feb 20, 2024	1.9
Safe Trust 5.518% Aug 01, 2023	1.9
Farm Credit Canada 5.183% Jul 12, 2023	1.9
Canadian Master Trust 5.499% Sep 26, 2023	1.8
SURE Trust 5.520% Aug 18, 2023	1.8
Merit Trust 5.342% Jul 20, 2023	1.8
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 5.341% Oct 13, 2023	1.7
Caisse Centrale Desjardins 5.194% Jul 20, 2023	1.7
Zeus Receivables Trust 5.355% Jul 21, 2023	1.7
Farm Credit Canada 5.194% Jul 13, 2023	1.5
Top 25 Holdings	62.9

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.