



U.S. EQUITY FUND

**RBC U.S. MID-CAP GROWTH  
EQUITY FUND**

---

June 30, 2018

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

Sub-Advisor: RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Board of Directors of RBC Global Asset Management Inc. approved this interim management report of fund performance on August 9, 2018.

**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 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/reports](http://www.rbcgam.com/reports) or SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). 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 U.S. mid-cap equities and common-stock equivalents, allowing broad exposure to growth opportunities in U.S. equity markets.

The Fund diversifies across industries in the U.S. market and seeks companies with strong management, focused business models and prospects for growth in earnings and cash flow.

### Results of Operations

The Fund's net asset value was \$929 million as of June 30, 2018.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series A units gained 14.2%. 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.

The Fund was bolstered by stock selection, while sector allocation did not have a significant effect on overall returns. The strongest stock selection came in the Health Care and Information Technology sectors, offsetting the negative impact of stock selection in the Consumer Staples and Financials sectors. Additional contributions came from underweight positions in the Information Technology and Materials sectors and overweight allocations to Health Care and Industrials.

Individual stocks that had a positive impact on returns included Haemonetics, a medical-devices company; FirstCash, the largest pawn-store operator in the Americas; and Health Equity, which helps people manage health-savings accounts.

### Recent Developments

The sub-advisor believes that the portfolio has been positioned to deliver strong results in an environment in which stocks could become more volatile. The Fund's performance has benefited from holdings in companies with strong earnings prospects, and the sub-advisor continues to take a long-term view of the equity markets.

### 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 (U.S.) Inc. 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 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 Investor Services Trust ("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

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, 2018), 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. For financial years beginning on or after January 1, 2014, financial highlight information is derived from financial statements prepared in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). For financial years prior to January 1, 2014, financial highlight information is derived from financial statements prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). "Net Assets," for the periods prior to 2014, are calculated in accordance with GAAP, and "Net Asset Value" is derived from the valuation method disclosed in the RBC Funds Annual Information Form and is used for transactional purposes (see Ratios and Supplemental Data). All other calculations for the purposes of this MRFP are made using Net Asset Value. There is no significant difference between "Net Assets" and "Net Asset Value" under IFRS.

### 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>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>30.79</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>(0.34)</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>4.38</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>35.15</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	27.95	0.17	(0.62)	1.51	2.51	3.57	—	—	(0.79)	—	(0.79)	30.79
Dec. 31, 2016	27.18	0.16	(0.56)	1.42	(0.02)	1.00	—	—	(0.40)	—	(0.40)	27.95
Dec. 31, 2015	26.51	0.19	(0.61)	10.32	(4.43)	5.47	—	—	(3.38)	—	(3.38)	27.18
Dec. 31, 2014	23.24	0.13	(0.51)	1.97	2.33	3.92	—	—	(0.44)	—	(0.44)	26.51
Dec. 31, 2013	16.90	0.09	(0.43)	0.59	6.05	6.30	—	—	—	—	—	23.24
<b>Advisor Series</b>												
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>30.86</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>(0.34)</b>	<b>0.89</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>4.17</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>35.25</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	28.02	0.17	(0.62)	1.52	2.53	3.60	—	—	(0.79)	—	(0.79)	30.86
Dec. 31, 2016	27.24	0.16	(0.56)	1.43	(0.15)	0.88	—	—	(0.40)	—	(0.40)	28.02
Dec. 31, 2015	26.57	0.20	(0.61)	10.70	(4.59)	5.70	—	—	(3.39)	—	(3.39)	27.24
Dec. 31, 2014	23.28	0.13	(0.51)	1.98	2.34	3.94	—	—	(0.44)	—	(0.44)	26.57
Dec. 31, 2013	16.93	0.09	(0.43)	0.59	6.05	6.30	—	—	—	—	—	23.28
<b>Series D</b>												
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>33.80</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>0.98</b>	<b>3.73</b>	<b>4.73</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>38.77</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	30.43	0.19	(0.39)	1.65	2.62	4.07	—	—	(0.87)	—	(0.87)	33.80
Dec. 31, 2016	29.31	0.17	(0.35)	1.54	(0.24)	1.12	—	—	(0.42)	—	(0.42)	30.43
Dec. 31, 2015	28.30	0.21	(0.38)	11.24	(4.82)	6.25	—	—	(3.60)	—	(3.60)	29.31
Dec. 31, 2014	24.58	0.14	(0.31)	2.08	2.46	4.37	—	—	(0.46)	—	(0.46)	28.30
Dec. 31, 2013	17.72	0.09	(0.26)	0.62	6.37	6.82	—	—	—	—	—	24.58
<b>Series F</b>												
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>36.23</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>	<b>1.05</b>	<b>4.18</b>	<b>5.31</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>41.61</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	32.53	0.20	(0.33)	1.77	2.62	4.26	—	—	(0.93)	—	(0.93)	36.23
Dec. 31, 2016	31.25	0.18	(0.30)	1.64	1.18	2.70	—	—	(0.45)	—	(0.45)	32.53
Dec. 31, 2015	30.12	0.23	(0.32)	12.37	(5.30)	6.98	—	—	(3.87)	—	(3.87)	31.25
Dec. 31, 2014	26.10	0.15	(0.26)	2.21	2.61	4.71	—	—	(0.48)	—	(0.48)	30.12
Dec. 31, 2013	18.77	0.10	(0.22)	0.65	6.75	7.28	—	—	—	—	—	26.09



**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		Total
<b>Series O</b>												
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>37.20</b>	<b>0.27</b>	–	<b>1.08</b>	<b>4.41</b>	<b>5.76</b>	–	–	–	–	–	<b>42.92</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	33.20	0.21	(0.01)	1.81	3.11	5.12	(0.01)	(0.11)	(0.96)	–	(1.08)	37.20
Dec. 31, 2016	31.70	0.19	(0.01)	1.67	0.33	2.18	–	(0.09)	(0.47)	–	(0.56)	33.20
Dec. 31, 2015	30.53	0.20	(0.01)	10.79	(4.63)	6.35	–	(0.26)	(3.97)	–	(4.23)	31.70
Dec. 31, 2014	26.30	0.15	(0.01)	2.23	2.64	5.01	–	(0.10)	(0.50)	–	(0.60)	30.53
Dec. 31, 2013	18.79	0.10	(0.01)	0.66	6.78	7.53	–	(0.07)	–	–	(0.07)	26.30

<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.

**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>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>35.15</b>	<b>95 455</b>	<b>2 716</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	30.79	87 333	2 837	2.10	2.10	10.36	0.01
Dec. 31, 2016	27.95	86 645	3 100	2.10	2.10	9.84	0.02
Dec. 31, 2015	27.18	99 611	3 665	2.10	2.10	14.83	0.05
Dec. 31, 2014	26.51	93 871	3 541	2.10	2.10	22.88	0.02
Dec. 31, 2013	23.24	80 436	3 460	2.11	2.11	17.96	0.02
<b>Advisor Series</b>							
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>35.25</b>	<b>3 452</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	30.86	2 305	75	2.10	2.10	10.36	0.01
Dec. 31, 2016	28.02	2 107	75	2.09	2.09	9.84	0.02
Dec. 31, 2015	27.24	2 284	84	2.07	2.07	14.83	0.05
Dec. 31, 2014	26.57	1 236	47	2.09	2.09	22.88	0.02
Dec. 31, 2013	23.28	1 139	49	2.11	2.11	17.96	0.02
<b>Series D</b>							
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>38.77</b>	<b>18 540</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>1.21</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	33.80	11 536	341	1.21	1.21	10.36	0.01
Dec. 31, 2016	30.43	9 217	303	1.20	1.20	9.84	0.02
Dec. 31, 2015	29.31	11 132	380	1.20	1.20	14.83	0.05
Dec. 31, 2014	28.30	8 270	292	1.21	1.21	22.88	0.02
Dec. 31, 2013	24.58	5 323	217	1.21	1.21	17.96	0.02
<b>Series F</b>							
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>41.61</b>	<b>40 696</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	36.23	12 949	357	0.94	0.94	10.36	0.01
Dec. 31, 2016	32.53	8 493	261	0.95	0.95	9.84	0.02
Dec. 31, 2015	31.25	3 686	118	0.94	0.94	14.83	0.05
Dec. 31, 2014	30.12	1 998	66	0.95	0.95	22.88	0.02
Dec. 31, 2013	26.10	1 268	49	0.96	0.96	17.96	0.02



**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 O</b>							
<b>June 30, 2018</b>	<b>42.92</b>	<b>771 209</b>	<b>17 968</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>10.85</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Dec. 31, 2017	37.20	684 881	18 409	0.02	0.02	10.36	0.01
Dec. 31, 2016	33.20	566 870	17 075	0.02	0.02	9.84	0.02
Dec. 31, 2015	31.70	504 958	15 931	0.02	0.02	14.83	0.05
Dec. 31, 2014	30.53	1 050 529	34 408	0.02	0.02	22.88	0.02
Dec. 31, 2013	26.30	810 859	30 827	0.02	0.02	17.96	0.02

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<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 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.

**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	66%	34%
Advisor Series	66%	34%
Series D	25%	75%
Series F	–	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.

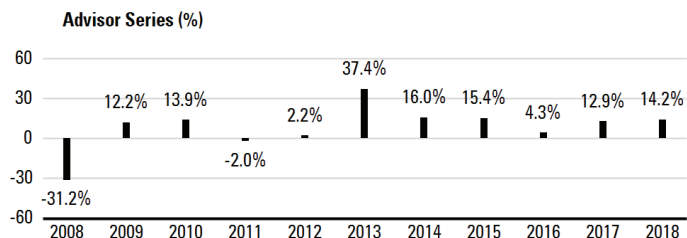
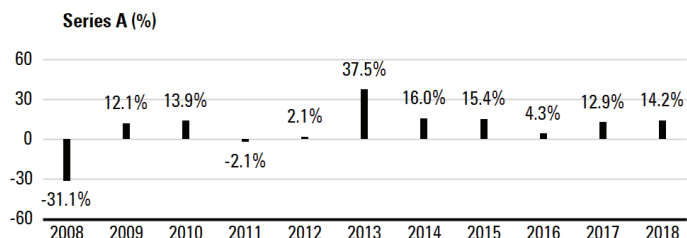


### PAST PERFORMANCE

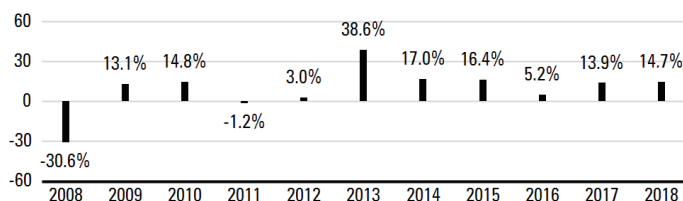
The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, optional 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 (%)

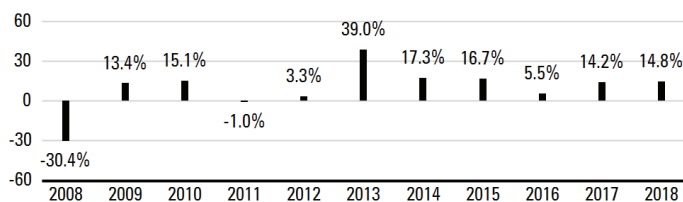
The bar chart indicates the Fund's performance for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the end of the financial year or interim period.



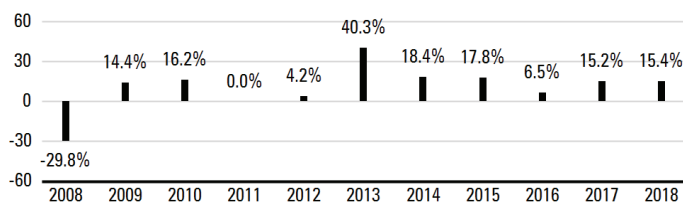
Series D (%)



Series F (%)



Series O (%)



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, 2018.



## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at June 30, 2018

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
Information Technology	25.9
Industrials	21.6
Health Care	20.2
Consumer Discretionary	10.9
Financials	8.0
Consumer Staples	4.8
Materials	2.8
Energy	2.1
Real Estate	1.6
Cash/Other	2.1

### Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Abiomed Inc.	3.1
WEX Inc.	2.1
Autodesk Inc.	2.1
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2.1
Aspen Technology Inc.	1.7
Align Technology Inc.	1.7
Red Hat Inc.	1.7
SynOpsys Inc.	1.6
Raymond James Financial Corp.	1.6
Fidelity National Information Services Inc.	1.6
Roper Technologies Inc.	1.6
Waste Connections Inc.	1.6
Ross Stores Inc.	1.5
HealthEquity Inc.	1.5
Copart Inc.	1.5
Ansys Inc.	1.5
Woodward Inc.	1.5
Globus Medical Inc., Class A	1.5
MercadoLibre Inc.	1.5
Aptargroup Inc.	1.5
Dollar Tree Inc.	1.5
CDW Corp.	1.5
IHS Markit Ltd.	1.4
Wabtec Corp.	1.4
Bright Horizons Family Solutions Inc.	1.4
Top 25 Holdings	41.7

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](http://www.rbcgam.com/funds).