



INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

**RBC EMERGING MARKETS EX-CHINA
DIVIDEND FUND**

June 30, 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 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," "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/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 investment objective of the Fund is to provide long-term total returns consisting of dividend income and capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies located or active in emerging markets, excluding China, with above-average dividend yields.

To achieve the Fund's objectives, the sub-advisor selects equity securities of companies with above-average dividend yields located or active in emerging market countries. The Fund's investment process is based primarily on fundamental research, although the sub-advisor will also consider quantitative and technical factors. Stock selection is ultimately based on an understanding of the company, its business and its outlook. The sub-advisor 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.

Results of Operations

The Fund's net asset value was \$165 million as of June 30, 2023.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series F units gained 10.5%. 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.

Emerging market equities started 2023 on a strong footing, boosted by expectations of a Chinese economic resurgence after the country lifted COVID-19-related restrictions in late 2022. However, the pace at which the Chinese economy recovered was slower than expected and consumer confidence failed to rebound. Outside China, technology-heavy markets such as Taiwan and South Korea gained after underperforming significantly in 2022. Emerging-market equities finished the period up but underperformed developed-market stocks.

Stock selection and asset weighting were both positive for the Fund's performance during the period. Stock selection was positive in the Financials and Information Technology sectors, while underweight allocations to Materials and Utilities benefited relative returns. Stock selection in the Materials sector was a negative. At the country level, stock selection in Taiwan and the Philippines contributed to the Fund's relative returns, while overweight exposure to South Africa limited performance.

Innodisk, X5 Retail, Banco do Brasil, São Martinho and Elite Material bolstered the Fund's returns. Performance was held back by E-mart, Growthpoint Properties, Cia Brasileira de Alumínio, Hindalco Industries and Kasikornbank.

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 close to decreasing the pace at which it is raising interest rates, or it may even consider pausing them at some point in 2023. Second, further declines in emerging-market currencies should be limited by their attractive valuations, relatively high inflation-adjusted interest rates and strong current accounts.

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

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

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 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, 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 (\$)

| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 8.99 | 0.15 | (0.10) | 0.04 | 0.62 | 0.71 | – | (0.07) | – | – | (0.07) | 9.82 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 ³ | 10.00 [†] | 0.31 | (0.18) | (0.39) | 4.66 | 4.40 | (0.01) | (0.14) | – | – | (0.15) | 8.99 |
| Series D | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 9.00 | – | (0.06) | – | 1.00 | 0.94 | – | (0.09) | – | – | (0.09) | 9.84 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 ³ | 10.00 [†] | 0.31 | (0.11) | (0.39) | 1.17 | 0.98 | (0.01) | (0.19) | – | – | (0.20) | 9.00 |
| Series F | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 9.00 | 0.17 | (0.05) | 0.05 | 0.47 | 0.64 | – | (0.10) | – | – | (0.10) | 9.84 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 ³ | 10.00 [†] | 0.31 | (0.09) | (0.39) | 1.10 | 0.93 | (0.01) | (0.21) | – | – | (0.22) | 9.00 |
| Series O | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 8.40 | 0.15 | (0.01) | 0.04 | 0.73 | 0.91 | – | (0.13) | – | – | (0.13) | 9.19 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 | 9.81 | 0.29 | (0.01) | (0.36) | (1.11) | (1.19) | (0.01) | (0.26) | – | – | (0.27) | 8.40 |
| Dec. 31, 2021 ⁴ | 10.00 [†] | 0.23 | (0.01) | 0.17 | (0.28) | 0.11 | (0.03) | (0.08) | (0.14) | – | (0.25) | 9.81 |

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 February 28, 2022.

⁴ From April 19, 2021.

[†] 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 |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| Series A | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 9.82 | 38 | 4 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 39.56 | 0.12 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 ⁴ | 8.99 | 14 | 2 | 2.26 | 2.26 | 38.24 | 0.15 |
| Series D | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 9.84 | 6 | 1 | 1.31 | 1.31 | 39.56 | 0.12 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 ⁴ | 9.00 | 5 | 1 | 1.41 | 1.41 | 38.24 | 0.15 |
| Series F | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 9.84 | 355 | 36 | 1.05 | 1.05 | 39.56 | 0.12 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 ⁴ | 9.00 | 132 | 15 | 1.13 | 1.13 | 38.24 | 0.15 |



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 O | | | | | | | |
| June 30, 2023 | 9.19 | 164 180 | 17 856 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 39.56 | 0.12 |
| Dec. 31, 2022 | 8.40 | 137 156 | 16 337 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 38.24 | 0.15 |
| Dec. 31, 2021 ⁵ | 9.81 | 169 459 | 17 260 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 35.76 | 0.27 |

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 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.

⁴ From February 28, 2022.

⁵ From April 19, 2021.

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%.

Effective July 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units will be reduced to 0.07% from 0.10%. If the changes to the administration fees would have been in effect throughout the financial period ended June 30, 2023, the adjusted MER for each series of the Fund would be: Series O – 0.08%.

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 | | 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 | 0.10% |

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 will be 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 or interim period.





PAST PERFORMANCE (cont.)



Series A, Series D and Series F units have been available for sale to unitholders since February 28, 2022, and Series O units since June 30, 2021.

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

(after consideration of derivative products, if any)

As at June 30, 2023

Investment Mix

| | % of Net Asset Value |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| South Korea | 20.6 |
| Taiwan | 20.4 |
| India | 15.4 |
| Brazil | 10.9 |
| South Africa | 7.9 |
| Mexico | 2.9 |
| United Kingdom | 2.8 |
| Philippines | 2.5 |
| Hungary | 1.9 |
| Peru | 1.9 |
| United Arab Emirates | 1.9 |
| Indonesia | 1.8 |
| Thailand | 1.6 |
| Vietnam | 1.6 |
| Egypt | 0.8 |
| Turkey | 0.7 |
| Other Countries | 3.8 |
| Cash/Other | 0.6 |

Top 25 Holdings

| | % of Net Asset Value |
|--|----------------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. | 9.2 |
| Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. | 8.1 |
| Axis Bank Ltd. | 3.0 |
| Antofagasta Plc. | 2.8 |
| Redington Ltd. | 2.7 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 2.5 |
| BDO Unibank Inc. | 2.5 |
| Hindalco Industries Ltd. | 2.5 |
| LG Corp. | 2.3 |
| Banco do Brasil S.A. | 2.2 |
| MediaTek Inc. | 2.1 |
| Elite Material Co. Ltd. | 2.1 |
| SK Hynix Inc. | 2.0 |
| Apollo Tyres Ltd. | 2.0 |
| Centrais Eletricas Brasileiras S.A. - Preferred Shares | 2.0 |
| OTP Bank Nyrt | 1.9 |
| Hana Financial Group Inc. | 1.9 |
| Hyundai Motor Co. | 1.9 |
| Credicorp Ltd. | 1.9 |
| KEC International Ltd. | 1.9 |
| Aldar Properties P.J.S.C. | 1.8 |
| Innodisk Corp. | 1.8 |
| Bank Negara Indonesia Persero Tbk PT | 1.8 |
| Naspers Ltd. - Class N | 1.8 |
| Regional S.A.B. de C.V. | 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.