



MONEY MARKET FUND

## RBC PREMIUM MONEY MARKET FUND

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

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### 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 \$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, including Treasury bills, bankers acceptances and commercial paper.

### Results of Operations

The Fund's net asset value was \$1.1 billion as of June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, the current yields were 4.60% for Series A units and 4.71% for Series F units.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series F units returned 2.28%. 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 Canadian economy continued to show surprising resilience during the first half of 2023 given a strong labour market, resurgent home sales and robust consumer spending. The strength in demand prompted the Bank of Canada (the "BOC") to resume interest-rate hikes in June after a pause, culminating in a benchmark interest rate of 4.75% that was up from 0.50% in early 2022. The BOC was concerned that the stronger-than-expected economy risked a repeat of 2022, when inflation rose to a four-decade high of 6.8%. With consumer inflation still exceeding the BOC's 2% target, the central bank indicated that further rate hikes were likely should the economy remain stronger than expected.

With the BOC closer to the end of the tightening cycle than the beginning, the portfolio manager took the opportunity to lock in higher yields while ensuring access to even higher yields if the BOC continued to raise rates. The Fund's core holding was largely comprised of higher-yielding asset-backed commercial paper, which offers a wider range of maturity options. Regulatory liquidity was achieved through the management of maturities as well as core holdings in government securities.

### Recent Developments

Recent data suggests that inflation is decelerating as supply-chain issues ease and a muted reopening of the Chinese economy depresses crude-oil prices. However, recent economic data has been better in North America. At odds with these indicators are data that suggest individuals and companies in Canada are facing tighter credit conditions, which may act as a headwind to the economy.

In this environment, the BOC will have to balance the need to raise rates in the fight against inflation with the negative impact that any rate hikes may have on economic growth. The portfolio manager will continue to seek opportunities to purchase higher-yielding assets when available while managing maturities that would take advantage of further BOC rate hikes.

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 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 <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, 2023</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>	–	–	<b>0.22</b>	<b>(0.22)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.22)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	0.18	(0.03)	–	–	0.15	(0.18)	–	–	–	(0.18)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	0.03	(0.02)	–	–	0.01	(0.01)	–	–	–	(0.01)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	0.09	(0.03)	–	–	0.06	(0.06)	–	–	–	(0.06)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.20	(0.04)	–	–	0.16	(0.16)	–	–	–	(0.16)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.18	(0.04)	–	–	0.14	(0.14)	–	–	–	(0.14)	10.00
<b>Series F</b>												
<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>	–	–	<b>0.23</b>	<b>(0.23)</b>	–	–	–	<b>(0.23)</b>	<b>10.00</b>
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	0.23	(0.02)	–	–	0.21	(0.18)	–	–	–	(0.18)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	0.03	(0.02)	–	–	0.01	(0.01)	–	–	–	(0.01)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	0.08	(0.02)	–	–	0.06	(0.06)	–	–	–	(0.06)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	0.19	(0.02)	–	–	0.17	(0.17)	–	–	–	(0.17)	10.00
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	0.17	(0.02)	–	–	0.15	(0.15)	–	–	–	(0.15)	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.

### 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, 2023</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>658 904</b>	<b>65 890</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>n/a</b>	–
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	655 001	65 493	0.26	0.35	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	1 226 199	122 620	0.19	0.35	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	1 654 339	165 434	0.31	0.35	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	1 279 995	128 000	0.35	0.35	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	1 196 494	119 649	0.35	0.35	n/a	–
<b>Series F</b>							
<b>June 30, 2023</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>455 605</b>	<b>45 561</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>n/a</b>	–
Dec. 31, 2022	10.00	391 672	39 163	0.22	0.24	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2021	10.00	149 977	14 998	0.19	0.24	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2020	10.00	288 155	28 815	0.22	0.24	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2019	10.00	125 090	12 509	0.24	0.24	n/a	–
Dec. 31, 2018	10.00	118 941	11 894	0.25	0.25	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.



**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)**

**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	0.30%	83%	17%	0.02%
Series F	0.20%	—	100%	0.02%

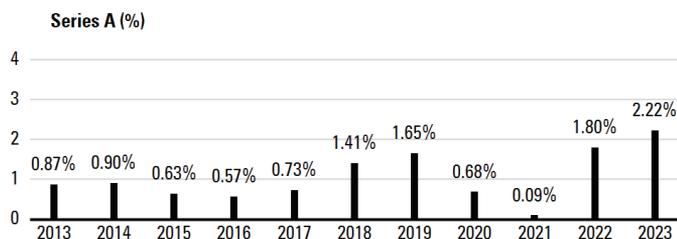
\* Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

**PAST PERFORMANCE**

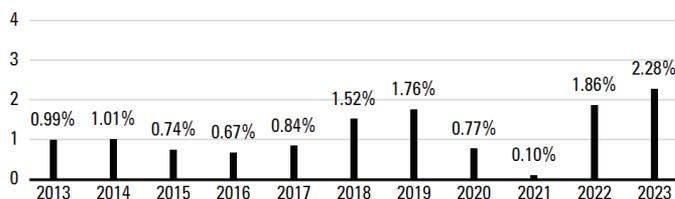
The performance information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and would be lower if distributions were not reinvested. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, optional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



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
Commercial Paper	66.5
Bankers Acceptances and Bank Obligations	28.9
Provincial Obligations	5.1
Cash/Other	(0.5)

**Top 25 Holdings**

	% of Net Asset Value
King Street Funding Trust 4.920% Jul 27, 2023	3.7
SOUND Trust 4.960% Jul 20, 2023	3.2
Bay Street Funding Trust 4.920% Jul 27, 2023	2.8
SURE Trust 5.180% Sep 07, 2023	2.5
Zeus Receivables Trust 4.801% Jul 17, 2023	2.1
National Bank of Canada 4.935% Jul 20, 2023	1.9
Safe Trust 5.169% Sep 15, 2023	1.9
Inter Pipeline Corridor Inc. 5.134% Jul 13, 2023	1.9
Fusion Trust 4.949% Jul 17, 2023	1.8
SURE Trust 4.920% Jul 18, 2023	1.7
Bank of Nova Scotia 5.378% Mar 28, 2024	1.7
Inter Pipeline Corridor Inc. 5.143% Jul 12, 2023	1.5
STABLE Trust 5.169% Sep 15, 2023	1.5
STABLE Trust 5.180% Sep 07, 2023	1.5
Banner Trust 4.765% Jul 05, 2023	1.4
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce 4.850% Nov 24, 2023	1.4
Safe Trust 5.002% Jul 18, 2023	1.4
Reliant Trust 4.756% Jul 04, 2023	1.4
Prime Trust 4.834% Jul 17, 2023	1.4
Safe Trust 5.021% Aug 04, 2023	1.3
Ridge Trust 5.070% Oct 05, 2023	1.3
Bay Street Funding Trust 4.860% Jul 04, 2023	1.3
Bank of Nova Scotia 5.070% Dec 07, 2023	1.2
Toronto-Dominion Bank 4.050% Jul 13, 2023	1.1
National Bank of Canada 4.850% Jan 03, 2024	1.1
<b>Top 25 Holdings</b>	<b>44.0</b>

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