



INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

## RBC EMERGING MARKETS DIVIDEND FUND

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June 30, 2025

**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 7, 2025.

### **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.

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide long-term total returns consisting of dividend income and capital growth by investing in equity securities of companies that are located or active in emerging markets and that offer above-average dividend yields.

To achieve the Fund's objectives, the sub-advisor selects equity securities of companies 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 \$1.7 billion as of June 30, 2025.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series F units gained 15.5%. 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.

Financial-market returns at the beginning of the year were dominated by U.S. President Donald Trump's threats to impose extremely high tariffs on major U.S. trade partners, leading to concern about a global trade war. U.S. trade policy led to a weaker U.S. dollar, and a falling dollar supported emerging-market equities in part because it reduces the cost of U.S.-dollar-denominated debt. A stock-market recovery in China, which accounts for about a third of the emerging-market stock benchmark, also helped support the performance of emerging-market equities. One of the most notable emerging-market developments in 2025 was the release of an artificial-intelligence ("AI") model introduced by China's DeepSeek. The release of this AI service, which might be competitive with U.S. AI leaders such as ChatGPT, boosted investor impressions of Chinese technology companies and emerging-market technology stocks in general.

Strong stock selection in the Financials and Information Technology sectors benefited the Fund's relative performance. Also aiding returns was an overweight position in the Financials sector and an underweight allocation to Information Technology.

Individual stocks that contributed to relative performance over the period were Naspers, Redington, Alibaba, Alpha Services & Holdings and Elite Material. Holdings that had a negative impact on returns included Lotes Co., Globant, Ho Chi Minh City Development and Samsonite. A complete lack of exposure to Xiaomi also hurt relative returns.

### Recent Developments

The underperformance of emerging-market equities versus developed markets in recent years might be turning. One reason for the shift is that China's economic performance has improved in the past year after lagging coming out of the pandemic. The sub-advisor believes that Chinese equity gains can continue driven by a supportive regulatory environment, higher levels of factory utilization and a recovery in domestic consumption. Another significant negative for emerging-market equities was a decade of strength of the U.S. dollar, but a weakening greenback is likely to help power emerging 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 (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, debt securities or mortgages from or sales of equity, debt securities or mortgages 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, 2025), 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	Total	
Series A												
Jun. 30, 2025	14.08	0.21	(0.16)	0.45	1.61	2.11	—	(0.08)	—	—	(0.08)	16.10
Dec. 31, 2024	12.66	0.35	(0.31)	0.32	1.24	1.60	—	(0.15)	—	—	(0.15)	14.08
Dec. 31, 2023	11.87	0.35	(0.28)	0.20	0.67	0.94	—	(0.15)	—	—	(0.15)	12.66
Dec. 31, 2022	13.86	0.41	(0.27)	(0.29)	(1.67)	(1.82)	—	(0.25)	—	—	(0.25)	11.87
Dec. 31, 2021	15.02	0.39	(0.35)	1.54	(1.43)	0.15	—	(0.08)	(1.26)	—	(1.34)	13.86
Dec. 31, 2020	13.07	0.32	(0.27)	0.32	1.60	1.97	—	(0.07)	(0.05)	—	(0.12)	15.02
Series D												
Jun. 30, 2025	14.58	0.22	(0.10)	0.46	1.62	2.20	—	(0.12)	—	—	(0.12)	16.70
Dec. 31, 2024	13.06	0.33	(0.19)	0.31	1.28	1.73	—	(0.24)	—	—	(0.24)	14.58
Dec. 31, 2023	12.22	0.36	(0.17)	0.21	0.63	1.03	—	(0.23)	—	—	(0.23)	13.06
Dec. 31, 2022	14.22	0.43	(0.18)	(0.30)	(3.23)	(3.28)	—	(0.32)	—	—	(0.32)	12.22
Dec. 31, 2021	15.37	0.40	(0.22)	1.58	(1.58)	0.18	—	(0.18)	(1.29)	—	(1.47)	14.22
Dec. 31, 2020	13.35	0.33	(0.17)	0.33	1.30	1.79	—	(0.15)	(0.05)	—	(0.20)	15.37
Series F												
Jun. 30, 2025	14.79	0.21	(0.08)	0.45	1.73	2.31	—	(0.14)	—	—	(0.14)	16.94
Dec. 31, 2024	13.25	0.35	(0.16)	0.32	1.35	1.86	—	(0.27)	—	—	(0.27)	14.79
Dec. 31, 2023	12.39	0.36	(0.14)	0.21	0.67	1.10	—	(0.26)	—	—	(0.26)	13.25
Dec. 31, 2022	14.40	0.43	(0.14)	(0.30)	(1.52)	(1.53)	—	(0.34)	—	—	(0.34)	12.39
Dec. 31, 2021	15.55	0.40	(0.18)	1.60	(1.71)	0.11	—	(0.21)	(1.31)	—	(1.52)	14.40
Dec. 31, 2020	13.51	0.33	(0.14)	0.33	1.43	1.95	—	(0.19)	(0.05)	—	(0.24)	15.55
Series O												
Jun. 30, 2025	14.48	0.21	(0.01)	0.45	1.73	2.38	—	(0.21)	—	—	(0.21)	16.60
Dec. 31, 2024	12.96	0.35	(0.01)	0.32	1.30	1.96	—	(0.40)	—	—	(0.40)	14.48
Dec. 31, 2023	12.09	0.36	(0.01)	0.21	0.71	1.27	(0.01)	(0.35)	—	—	(0.36)	12.96
Dec. 31, 2022	14.04	0.42	(0.02)	(0.30)	(1.57)	(1.47)	(0.01)	(0.44)	—	—	(0.45)	12.09
Dec. 31, 2021	15.16	0.39	(0.03)	1.56	(1.37)	0.55	—	(0.34)	(1.28)	—	(1.62)	14.04
Dec. 31, 2020	13.17	0.32	(0.02)	0.33	1.72	2.35	(0.01)	(0.29)	(0.05)	—	(0.35)	15.16
ETF Series												
Jun. 30, 2025	22.66	0.24	(0.13)	0.51	2.98	3.60	—	(0.01)	—	—	(0.01)	26.17
Dec. 31, 2024	20.31	0.31	(0.25)	0.28	3.75	4.09	—	(0.43)	—	—	(0.43)	22.66
Dec. 31, 2023 <sup>3</sup>	20.00 <sup>†</sup>	0.54	(0.22)	0.32	0.21	0.85	(0.01)	(0.39)	—	—	(0.40)	20.31

<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.

<sup>3</sup> From March 2, 2023.

<sup>†</sup> Initial offering net asset value per unit.



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (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>	Closing Market Price (\$)
<b>Series A</b>								
<b>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>16.10</b>	<b>37,423</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>2.22</b>	<b>27.02</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Dec. 31, 2024	14.08	32,118	2,280	2.22	2.22	33.25	0.13	n/a
Dec. 31, 2023	12.66	31,536	2,492	2.22	2.22	27.98	0.11	n/a
Dec. 31, 2022	11.87	31,361	2,642	2.22	2.22	30.96	0.10	n/a
Dec. 31, 2021	13.86	40,131	2,893	2.22	2.22	56.59	0.17	n/a
Dec. 31, 2020	15.02	40,028	2,665	2.22	2.22	71.57	0.23	n/a
<b>Series D</b>								
<b>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>16.70</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>1.36</b>	<b>27.02</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Dec. 31, 2024	14.58	1,212	83	1.35	1.35	33.25	0.13	n/a
Dec. 31, 2023	13.06	1,299	99	1.35	1.35	27.98	0.11	n/a
Dec. 31, 2022	12.22	1,279	105	1.38	1.38	30.96	0.10	n/a
Dec. 31, 2021	14.22	7,849	551	1.38	1.38	56.59	0.17	n/a
Dec. 31, 2020	15.37	7,212	469	1.37	1.37	71.57	0.23	n/a
<b>Series F</b>								
<b>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>16.94</b>	<b>88,508</b>	<b>5,224</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>27.02</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Dec. 31, 2024	14.79	78,321	5,295	1.10	1.10	33.25	0.13	n/a
Dec. 31, 2023	13.25	74,917	5,656	1.10	1.10	27.98	0.11	n/a
Dec. 31, 2022	12.39	73,407	5,926	1.11	1.11	30.96	0.10	n/a
Dec. 31, 2021	14.40	69,855	4,846	1.11	1.11	56.59	0.17	n/a
Dec. 31, 2020	15.55	52,673	3,386	1.11	1.11	71.57	0.23	n/a
<b>Series O</b>								
<b>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>16.60</b>	<b>1,525,799</b>	<b>91,900</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>27.02</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>n/a</b>
Dec. 31, 2024	14.48	1,326,958	91,632	0.08	0.08	33.25	0.13	n/a
Dec. 31, 2023	12.96	1,237,646	95,519	0.09	0.09	27.98	0.11	n/a
Dec. 31, 2022	12.09	1,218,835	100,830	0.17	0.17	30.96	0.10	n/a
Dec. 31, 2021	14.04	1,359,550	96,728	0.17	0.17	56.59	0.17	n/a
Dec. 31, 2020	15.16	1,257,972	82,994	0.17	0.17	71.57	0.23	n/a
<b>ETF Series</b>								
<b>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>26.17</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>27.02</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>26.02</b>
Dec. 31, 2024	22.66	567	25	1.13	1.13	33.25	0.13	23.12
Dec. 31, 2023 <sup>4</sup>	20.31	1,016	50	1.13	1.13	27.98	0.11	19.76

<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.

<sup>4</sup> From March 2, 2023.

Effective July 1, 2023, the administration fees for Series O units were reduced to 0.07% from 0.10%. If the changes to the administration fees would have been in effect throughout the financial year ended December 31, 2023, the adjusted MER for each series of the Fund would be: Series O – 0.08%.

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%.



## 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	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	0.07%
ETF Series	0.85%	—	100%	0.15%

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.

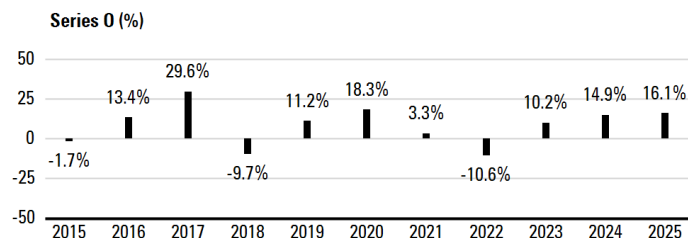
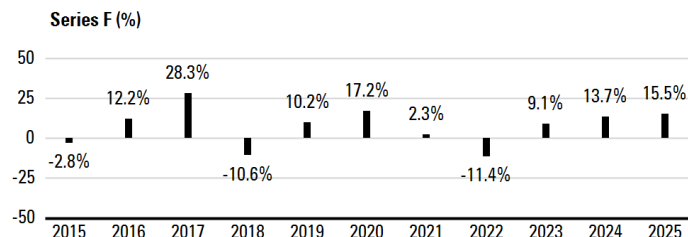
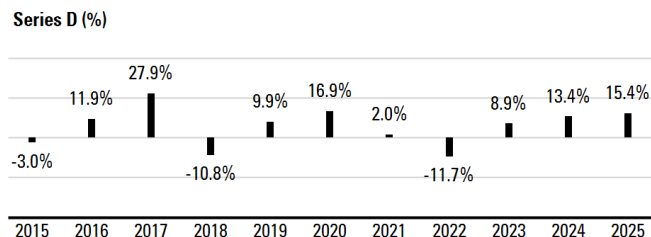
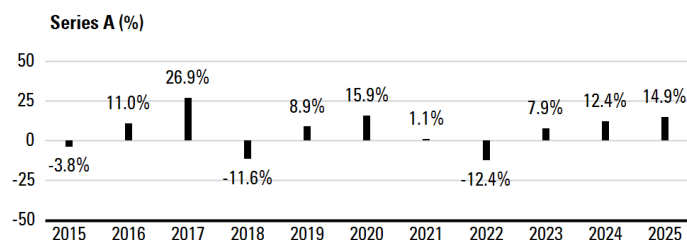
\* Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

## 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.



ETF Series units have been available for sale to unitholders since March 8, 2023.

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, 2025.



## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

*(after consideration of derivative products, if any)*

*As at June 30, 2025*

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
China	21.0
Taiwan	15.8
India	13.7
South Korea	9.3
South Africa	9.2
Brazil	5.4
Hong Kong	2.9
Mexico	2.6
Indonesia	2.5
United Kingdom	2.0
United States	1.6
Philippines	1.6
Greece	1.2
Peru	1.2
Other Countries	9.9
Cash/Other	0.1

### Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	9.2
Naspers Ltd.	4.7
Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.	4.3
HDFC Bank Ltd. - ADR	2.9
China Merchants Bank Co. Ltd.	2.8
Axis Bank Ltd.	2.6
Redington Ltd.	2.4
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	2.2
Ping An Insurance Group Co. of China Ltd.	2.1
Shriram Finance Ltd.	2.0
Antofagasta Plc.	2.0
Hindalco Industries Ltd.	2.0
SK Hynix Inc.	1.9
Midea Group Co. Ltd.	1.8
KEC International Ltd.	1.8
Taiwan Union Technology Corp.	1.7
MTN Group Ltd.	1.7
DB Insurance Co. Ltd.	1.4
Meituan	1.3
Bank Negara Indonesia Persero Tbk PT	1.2
China Resources Land Ltd.	1.2
MediaTek Inc.	1.2
Lojas Renner S.A.	1.2
NetEase Inc. - ADR	1.2
Alpha Bank S.A.	1.2
Top 25 Holdings	58.0

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).