



CANADIAN EQUITY FUND

**RBC CANADIAN SMALL & MID-CAP
RESOURCES 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," "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 Fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in small- and mid-cap equity securities of companies that are listed on an exchange in Canada, within the Energy and Materials sectors.

The Fund's investment process is primarily based on fundamental research, although the portfolio manager will also consider quantitative and technical factors. Stock selection decisions are ultimately based on an understanding of the company, its business and its outlook. The portfolio manager invests in companies that are involved directly or indirectly in the exploration, development, production or distribution of natural or other resources. This includes companies that provide services to, use, or may benefit from, developments in the natural resources sector or companies that develop, design or provide products and services significant to a country's or region's infrastructure and its future evolution.

Results of Operations

The Fund's net asset value was \$322 million as of June 30, 2023.

Over the past six months, the Fund's Series F units lost 1.7%. 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's overweight position in the Materials sector and underweight position in Energy had a negative impact on relative performance. Both segments declined during the period amid skepticism about the strength of China's economic rebound and the possibility of recessions in Western export markets. Interest rates continued to rise globally, albeit at a slower pace, as inflation moderated.

The price of benchmark Brent crude oil fell 12% in the first half of 2023, extending its gradual decline since reaching US\$128 in early 2022 after Russia invaded Ukraine. The fall in prices was driven by softer-than-anticipated economic growth and growing inventories of oil and liquid fuels. Demand growth has also been hurt by a slow economic recovery in China.

Prices for commodities ended the period on a weak note, with many falling from their peaks given concern about a recession. The price of copper was volatile but essentially unchanged during the period, while steel, fertilizers and industrial chemicals and industrial gases declined. The price of lithium, a metallic element used to produce electric batteries, declined during the period after a Chinese rebate encouraging people to buy electric vehicles expired.

In the energy segment, the Fund's negative returns were aided by underweight positions in Parex Resources and Athabasca Oil and an overweight in Enerplus. An overweight in Precision Drilling also contributed to the negative returns. This was partially offset by an underweight allocation to Pason Systems and Secure Energy Services.

In the materials segment, underweights in copper producers Ero Copper and Lundin Mining had a negative impact. An underweight in lumber and pole producer Stella-Jones also contributed negatively to performance. This was partially offset by an overweight position in Capstone Copper and holdings in Lithium Americas along with an overweight in NexGen Energy.

Recent Developments

The willingness of OPEC countries to cut production quotas in response to market conditions will help maintain a healthy balance between global supply and demand. North American producers continue to exercise restraint, de-emphasizing production growth and instead channeling cash toward debt reduction and to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases.

The portfolio manager favours longer-term exposure to industrial metals such as copper and iron ore as their prices stand to benefit from increased political tensions, higher taxes and royalties, and environmental considerations.

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.

Brokers and Dealers

The Fund has established standard brokerage and dealing agreements at market rates with related parties. For the periods ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the related-party commissions were \$23,000 (2022 – \$140,000) or 6% (2022 – 21%) the total transaction costs paid for this Fund.

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	9.82	0.11	(0.10)	0.53	(0.65)	(0.11)	–	–	–	–	–	9.60
Dec. 31, 2022	8.02	0.24	(0.20)	1.85	(0.10)	1.79	–	(0.03)	–	–	(0.03)	9.82
Dec. 31, 2021	5.45	0.14	(0.14)	1.51	1.08	2.59	–	–	–	–	–	8.02
Dec. 31, 2020	5.23	0.09	(0.08)	(1.60)	2.20	0.61	–	(0.02)	–	–	(0.02)	5.45
Dec. 31, 2019	5.45	0.15	(0.11)	(1.01)	0.77	(0.20)	–	(0.04)	–	–	(0.04)	5.23
Dec. 31, 2018	7.72	0.14	(0.15)	(0.22)	(2.01)	(2.24)	–	(0.02)	–	–	(0.02)	5.45
Series D												
June 30, 2023	10.01	0.12	(0.06)	0.55	(0.85)	(0.24)	–	–	–	–	–	9.83
Dec. 31, 2022	8.18	0.24	(0.11)	1.87	2.44	4.44	–	(0.12)	–	–	(0.12)	10.01
Dec. 31, 2021	5.55	0.14	(0.09)	1.54	0.43	2.02	–	(0.06)	–	–	(0.06)	8.18
Dec. 31, 2020	5.31	0.09	(0.05)	(1.63)	2.27	0.68	–	(0.05)	–	–	(0.05)	5.55
Dec. 31, 2019	5.53	0.15	(0.07)	(1.02)	0.91	(0.03)	–	(0.08)	–	–	(0.08)	5.31
Dec. 31, 2018	7.83	0.14	(0.09)	(0.23)	(2.18)	(2.36)	–	(0.07)	–	–	(0.07)	5.53
Series F												
June 30, 2023	9.98	0.11	(0.05)	0.54	(0.77)	(0.17)	–	–	–	–	–	9.81
Dec. 31, 2022	8.15	0.25	(0.09)	1.90	(1.79)	0.27	–	(0.15)	–	–	(0.15)	9.98
Dec. 31, 2021	5.52	0.14	(0.07)	1.54	0.14	1.75	–	(0.07)	–	–	(0.07)	8.15
Dec. 31, 2020	5.29	0.09	(0.04)	(1.63)	1.91	0.33	–	(0.07)	–	–	(0.07)	5.52
Dec. 31, 2019	5.52	0.15	(0.05)	(1.02)	0.82	(0.10)	–	(0.10)	–	–	(0.10)	5.29
Dec. 31, 2018	7.82	0.14	(0.07)	(0.23)	(2.18)	(2.34)	–	(0.08)	–	–	(0.08)	5.52
Series O												
June 30, 2023	8.45	0.10	–	0.46	(0.64)	(0.08)	–	–	–	–	–	8.34
Dec. 31, 2022	6.91	0.21	–	1.61	(0.02)	1.80	–	(0.20)	–	–	(0.20)	8.45
Dec. 31, 2021	4.68	0.12	–	1.31	0.93	2.36	–	(0.12)	–	–	(0.12)	6.91
Dec. 31, 2020	4.47	0.08	–	(1.38)	1.60	0.30	–	(0.09)	–	–	(0.09)	4.68
Dec. 31, 2019	4.66	0.13	–	(0.87)	0.69	(0.05)	(0.01)	(0.11)	–	–	(0.12)	4.47
Dec. 31, 2018	6.60	0.12	–	(0.19)	(1.74)	(1.81)	(0.01)	(0.10)	–	–	(0.11)	4.66

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.



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 (%) ¹	MER Before Absorption (%) ¹	Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) ²	Trading Expense Ratio (%) ³
Series A							
June 30, 2023	9.60	2 246	234	2.04	2.04	58.91	0.24
Dec. 31, 2022	9.82	1 611	164	2.06	2.06	82.66	0.30
Dec. 31, 2021	8.02	1 568	195	2.07	2.07	75.86	0.32
Dec. 31, 2020	5.45	1 174	215	2.05	2.05	71.15	0.45
Dec. 31, 2019	5.23	1 032	197	2.04	2.04	56.48	0.31
Dec. 31, 2018	5.45	1 177	216	2.03	2.03	66.57	0.34
Series D							
June 30, 2023	9.83	1 301	132	1.20	1.20	58.91	0.24
Dec. 31, 2022	10.01	1 701	170	1.21	1.21	82.66	0.30
Dec. 31, 2021	8.18	6 414	784	1.22	1.22	75.86	0.32
Dec. 31, 2020	5.55	4 099	739	1.21	1.21	71.15	0.45
Dec. 31, 2019	5.31	2 767	522	1.22	1.22	56.48	0.31
Dec. 31, 2018	5.53	2 105	381	1.21	1.21	66.57	0.34
Series F							
June 30, 2023	9.81	10 847	1 106	0.94	0.94	58.91	0.24
Dec. 31, 2022	9.98	12 056	1 208	0.91	0.91	82.66	0.30
Dec. 31, 2021	8.15	1 312	161	0.95	0.95	75.86	0.32
Dec. 31, 2020	5.52	2 000	362	0.95	0.95	71.15	0.45
Dec. 31, 2019	5.29	1 805	341	0.93	0.93	56.48	0.31
Dec. 31, 2018	5.52	2 124	385	0.96	0.96	66.57	0.34
Series O							
June 30, 2023	8.34	307 586	36 868	0.02	0.02	58.91	0.24
Dec. 31, 2022	8.45	365 950	43 315	0.02	0.02	82.66	0.30
Dec. 31, 2021	6.91	315 940	45 741	0.02	0.02	75.86	0.32
Dec. 31, 2020	4.68	216 388	46 242	0.02	0.02	71.15	0.45
Dec. 31, 2019	4.47	202 905	45 391	0.02	0.02	56.48	0.31
Dec. 31, 2018	4.66	209 323	44 949	0.02	0.02	66.57	0.34

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 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.

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.



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	1.75%	57%	43%	0.10%
Series D	1.00%	25%	75%	0.10%
Series F	0.75%	—	100%	0.10%
Series O	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.02%

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.

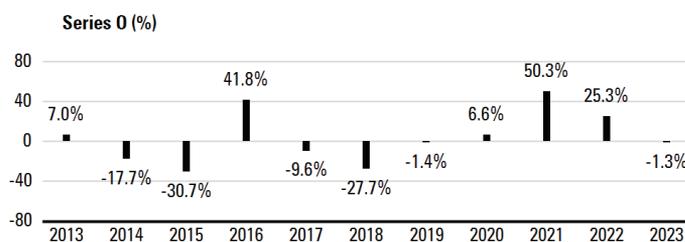
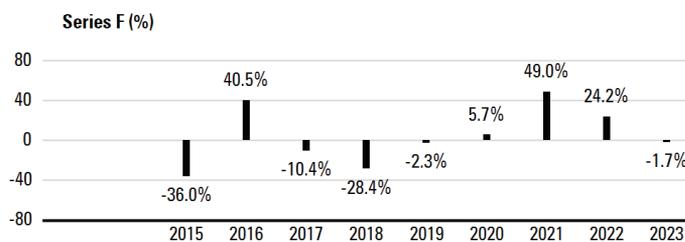
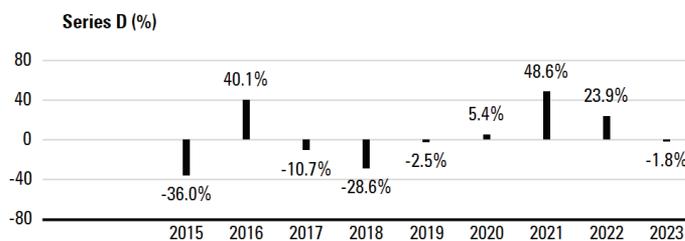
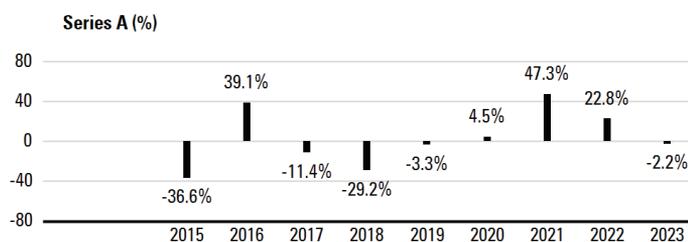
* Includes all costs related to management, trustee, investment advisory services, general administration and profit.

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 A, Series D and Series F units have been available for sale to unitholders since February 17, 2015 and Series O units since October 3, 2013.

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
Oil, Gas and Consumable Fuels	56.4
Metals and Mining	25.4
Paper and Forest Products	10.6
Chemicals	3.7
Energy Equipment and Services	2.4
Cash/Other	1.5

Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
ARC Resources Ltd.	9.8
Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.	6.4
Lundin Mining Corp.	5.9
West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.	5.8
NexGen Energy Ltd.	5.6
MEG Energy Corp.	5.2
Capstone Copper Corp.	4.5
PrairieSky Royalty Ltd.	4.5
Crescent Point Energy Corp.	4.5
Whitecap Resources Inc.	4.4
Enerplus Corp.	4.0
Methanex Corp.	3.5
Parex Resources Inc.	3.3
NuVista Energy Ltd.	2.4
Paramount Resources Ltd. - Class A	2.3
Stella-Jones Inc.	2.0
Filo Corp.	1.8
Precision Drilling Corp.	1.8
Lithium Americas Corp.	1.8
Athabasca Oil Corp.	1.6
Vermilion Energy Inc.	1.5
Baytex Energy Corp.	1.5
Canfor Corp.	1.5
Topaz Energy Corp.	1.4
Interfor Corp.	1.3
Top 25 Holdings	88.3

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.