



INTERNATIONAL EQUITY FUND

## RBC EMERGING MARKETS EX-CHINA EQUITY 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.

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## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of companies located or active in emerging markets, excluding China.

The Fund's investment process is based primarily on fundamental research, and includes an assessment of each emerging market region, including expected growth, market valuations and economic trends. Quantitative and technical factors may also be considered. The Fund may invest in securities of companies located or active in emerging market countries, excluding China. The portfolio is diversified by sector and emerging market country to help reduce risk. Individual stocks are selected based on the intrinsic value of each company, liquidity and overall portfolio risk.

### Results of Operations

The Fund was launched on September 18, 2024, and its net asset value was \$453 million as of June 30, 2025. Investment performance is not provided for a fund that has been available for less than one year.

### 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 (\$)

		Increase (Decrease) from Operations <sup>1</sup>					Annual Distributions <sup>2</sup>					
For the Year/ Period Ended	Net Assets Beginning 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	Net Assets End of Year/Period
<b>Series O</b>												
<b>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>10.06</b>	<b>0.13</b>	—	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.86</b>	—	—	—	—	—	<b>10.92</b>
<b>Dec. 31, 2024</b>	10.00	0.10	(0.01)	0.01	(1.89)	(1.79)	—	—	—	—	—	10.06
<b>Dec. 31, 2023<sup>3</sup></b>	10.00 <sup>†</sup>	0.24	—	—	—	0.24	(0.18)	—	—	—	(0.18)	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.

<sup>3</sup> From May 23, 2023.

<sup>†</sup> 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 (%) <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>Jun. 30, 2025</b>	<b>10.92</b>	<b>452,802</b>	<b>41,457</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>6.91</b>	<b>0.05</b>
<b>Dec. 31, 2024</b>	<b>10.06</b>	<b>412,617</b>	<b>41,006</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>19.87</b>	<b>1.52</b>
<b>Dec. 31, 2023<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>15</b>	—	<b>0.09</b>	—	—

<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 May 23, 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%.

### 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*	
<b>Series O</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>0.07%</b>

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

Investment performance in respect of a fund that has been available for less than one year is not provided. Series O units of the Fund were launched on September 18, 2024.

## SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

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

*As at June 30, 2025*

### Investment Mix

	% of Net Asset Value
India	25.4
Taiwan	22.9
South Korea	14.9
United Kingdom	6.3
South Africa	5.7
Brazil	5.6
Mexico	4.6
Indonesia	3.3
United States	2.7
Philippines	1.8
Other Countries	5.1
Cash/Other	1.7

### Top 25 Holdings

	% of Net Asset Value
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	9.8
HDFC Bank Ltd. - ADR	6.5
Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.	4.0
Antofagasta Plc.	3.6
Tata Consultancy Services Ltd.	3.4
SK Hynix Inc.	3.2
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co. Ltd.	3.0
Fomento Economico Mexicano S.A.B. de C.V. - ADR	2.8
B3 S.A. - Brasil Bolsa Balcao	2.8
Unilever Plc.	2.7
Chroma ATE Inc.	2.6
E.Sun Financial Holding Co. Ltd.	2.5
Phoenix Mills Ltd.	2.4
Discovery Ltd.	2.3
Delta Electronics Inc.	2.3
Shinhan Financial Group Co. Ltd.	2.3
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. - Preferred Shares	2.2
Marico Ltd.	2.2
Dr Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. - ADR	2.2
MercadoLibre Inc.	2.2
Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd.	2.0
Uni-President Enterprises Corp.	1.9
SM Investments Corp.	1.8
Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.	1.8
Voltronic Power Technology Corp.	1.7
Top 25 Holdings	74.2

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).