

RBC U.S. Index Fund



Commentary as at June 30, 2022

Concerns about high inflation, weakening economic growth and the possibility of a recession increased in the U.S. during the period. To deal with the inflation running above 8%, Jerome Powell, chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve (the “Fed”), and his colleagues boosted interest rates several times during the period and said they would not hesitate to raise them more to get inflation closer to the Fed’s 2% target. Consumers struggled with higher borrowing costs in an environment where the unemployment rate remained low and wage growth strong.

From a sector perspective, Consumer Staples, Utilities and Energy were the best performers, while Consumer Discretionary, Communication Services and Information Technology were the worst performers.

The sub-advisor has no recent developments to report.

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