



# RBC European Mid-Cap Equity Fund

## Investment Objective

To provide long-term capital growth. The fund invests primarily in equity securities of European mid-cap companies. The fund provides exposure to growth opportunities in the European economy and diversification benefits beyond North America.

## Fund Details

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF426
Adv	Front End	CAD	RBF6426
Adv	Low Load	CAD	RBF4426

Inception Date	September 2016
Total Fund Assets \$Mil	642.4
Series A NAV \$	11.75
Series A MER %	2.15
Benchmark	MSCI Europe Mid Cap Total Return Net Index (CAD)

Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Gains Distribution	Annually

Sales Status	Open
Min. Investment \$	500
Subsequent Investment \$	25

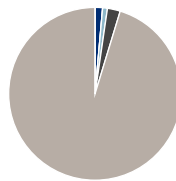
Fund Category	European Equity
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Management Company	RBC Global Asset Management Inc.
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Web Site	www.rbcgam.com
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## Portfolio Analysis as of August 31, 2019

### Asset Mix

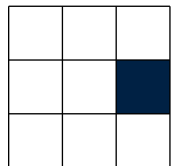


	% Assets
Cash	1.4
Fixed Income	0.0
Canadian Equity	0.9
US Equity	2.4
International Equity	95.2
Other	0.0

### Top 10 Holdings

	% Assets
London Stock Exchange Group PLC	3.0
DSV A/S	2.8
Ashtead Group PLC	2.7
Kerry Group PLC Class A	2.4
Topdanmark A/S	2.4
DCC PLC	2.4
Rémy Cointreau	2.3
Lonza Group Ltd	2.3
InterContinental Hotels Group PLC	2.2
Cranswick PLC	2.2
Total % of Top 10 Holdings	24.7
Total Number of Stock Holdings	59
Total Number of Bond Holdings	0
Total Number of Other Holdings	1
<b>Total Number of Holdings</b>	<b>60</b>

### Equity Style



Value Blend Growth

### Equity Statistics

P/B Ratio	3.2
P/E Ratio	19.3
Avg. Mkt Cap. \$B	9.1

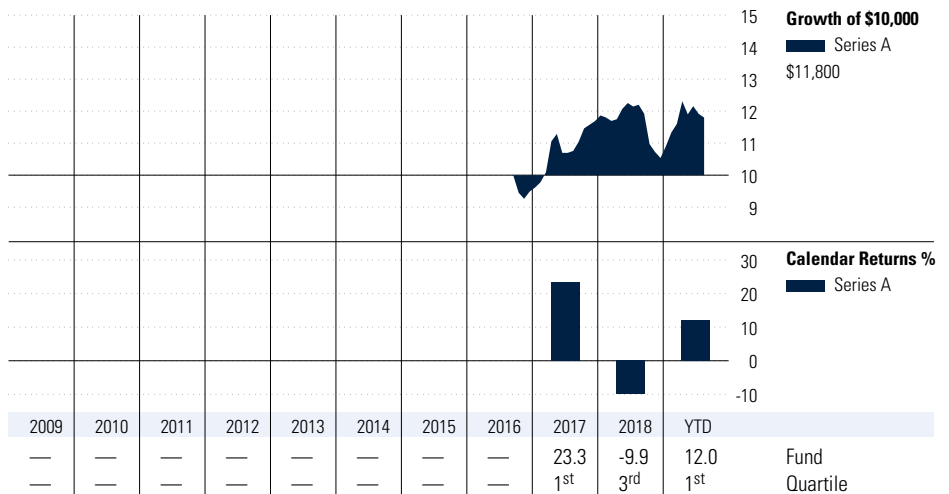
### Top 5 Sectors

	% Equity
Industrials	28.5
Financials	14.0
Consumer Discretionary	13.1
Health Care	11.3
Materials	10.5

### Geographic Allocations

	% Assets
United Kingdom	39.3
Denmark	11.3
Switzerland	10.1
France	8.9
Sweden	7.6

## Performance Analysis as of August 31, 2019



	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since Incep.	Trailing Return %
	-1.0	-0.8	4.1	-3.3	—	—	—	5.7	Fund
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	—	—	—	—	Quartile
	192	192	190	181	147	108	62	—	No. of Funds in Category



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## Management Overview

### Manager Bios

#### David Lambert

#### RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited

David is a Portfolio Manager with the European Equity team of RBC Global Asset Management (UK) Limited. He is part of a veteran team that strives to identify superior investment opportunities while minimizing risks. David began his career with the firm in 1999 as a Quantitative Analyst and became a Portfolio Manager in 2003. He graduated from Loughborough University with a First Class BSc (Hons) degree in Mathematics and is an Associate of the UK Society of Investment Professionals (CFA UK).

### Performance Analysis Cont'd as of August 31, 2019

Distributions (\$)/Unit	YTD*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return Of Capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Best/Worst Periods %	Ended	1 Yr	Ended	3 Yr	Ended	5 Yr	Ended	10 Yr
Best	11-2017	25.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
Worst	12-2018	-9.9	—	—	—	—	—	—
Average		6.9		—		—		—
No. of Periods		24		—		—		—
Pct. Positive		58.3		—		—		—

\* Distributions are characterized into income type at year-end.

### Commentary as at June 30, 2019

European equities performed well during the first six months of 2019, rebounding from declines at the end of last year, on prospects for falling interest rates and a degree of optimism that the U.S. and China would settle their trade dispute before too much damage could be done to global commerce. Gains recorded in the first half restored stocks close to levels where they were in mid-2018.

The failure of U.K. politicians to agree to terms by which the U.K. would leave the European Union (the "EU") continued to hamper the U.K.'s economic growth. The portfolio manager notes that the Fund's investments tend to be in global businesses whose fortunes do not depend unduly on the swings of regional politics.

Against this political backdrop, unemployment rates in Europe still managed to reach their lowest levels since 2008. While European economic conditions stabilized to some degree, subdued growth remained a concern for many investors.

The stock markets of Switzerland, the Netherlands

and France were Europe's strongest-performing equity markets. Finland was Europe's worst-performing stock market, with Austria and Spain also performing poorly. The Fund's underweight position in the Communication Services sector held back portfolio returns the most, while an equal-weight position in Financials was the largest contributor to relative returns. Among individual stocks, DSV, the transport company, was the biggest contributor to the Fund's performance. Stabilus, the manufacturing company, held back returns the most.

Geopolitical uncertainty and economic indicators continue to suggest that economic growth could moderate, meaning market volatility is likely to continue for the remainder of 2019. Other factors that are likely to influence markets during the second half of 2019 include the appointments of new leaders for the European Commission, the EU's governing body, and the European Central Bank, as well as the question of the final form of Brexit.



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