



# RBC Small Cap Core Fund

## Fund Strategy

Seeks to provide superior long-term growth of capital compared to the Russell 2000 Index while taking a low risk approach to small company investing. We believe that portfolios of neglected small cap companies with low valuations, long-term attractive business fundamentals and near-term profitability improvement potential should produce strong absolute and risk-adjusted returns over time.

## Portfolio Construction

### Portfolio Construction is Primarily Driven by Stock Selection

- Well-diversified portfolios holding 50-80 issues
- Majority of returns sought from stock selection
- Maximum in a single security: 5%
- Fully invested in equities - no market timing
- Benchmark: Russell 2000 Index
- Low portfolio turnover

## Investment Performance (as of 9.30.18)

### Without Sales Charge

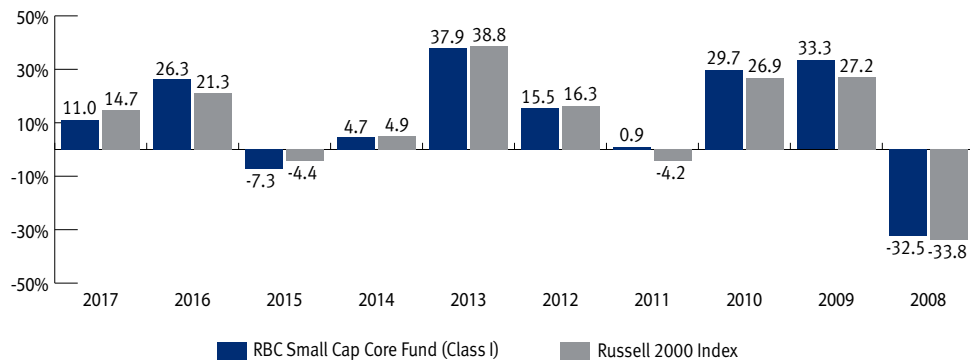
|                    | Total Returns |        | Average Annual Total Returns |         |         |          |
|--------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
|                    | Quarter       | YTD    | 1 Year                       | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
| A Shares           | 2.70%         | 0.73%  | 5.81%                        | 13.44%  | 7.75%   | 10.64%   |
| I Shares           | 2.79%         | 0.92%  | 6.06%                        | 13.72%  | 8.01%   | 10.92%   |
| R6 Shares          | 2.78%         | 0.94%  | 6.10%                        | 13.76%  | 8.05%   | 11.07%   |
| Russell 2000 Index | 3.58%         | 11.51% | 15.24%                       | 17.12%  | 11.07%  | 11.11%   |

### With Maximum Sales Charge - Average Annual Total Returns

|          | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|----------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| A Shares | -0.27% | 11.22%  | 6.48%   | 9.99%    |

Note: Class I and R6 Shares do not have sales charges.

### Calendar Year Returns



Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance of the Fund may be lower or higher than the performance quoted. For performance data current to the most recent month-end, visit our website at <https://us.rbcgam.com/mutual-funds> after the seventh business day after month-end or call 800.973.0073. Class A performance with maximum sales charge reflects a maximum 5.75% sales charge.

Performance shown reflects contractual fee waivers. Without such waivers, total returns would be reduced. Performance does not reflect the 2% fee on shares redeemed or exchanged within 30 days of purchase. If such redemption fee was included, performance would be reduced. Performance shown for a share class before its inception is based on the performance of the share class with the earliest inception date and adjusted to reflect the fees and expenses, and any applicable sales charges of the share class shown. Class I shares were designated Class S shares before 11.27.12.

<sup>1</sup>The Adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or pay operating expenses to limit the Fund's total expenses (excluding brokerage and other investment-related costs, interest, taxes, dues, fees and other charges of governments and their agencies, extraordinary expenses such as litigation and indemnification, other expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business and acquired fund fees and expenses) to the net expenses in the table. This expense limitation agreement is in place until 1.31.19 and may not be terminated by the Adviser before that date. Net expense ratios are as of the most recent prospectus/supplement dated 1.26.18 and applicable to investors.

## Fund Facts

**Fund Adviser:** RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

**Fund Managers:** Team managed

### Expense Ratio:

|           | Gross | Net <sup>1</sup> |
|-----------|-------|------------------|
| A Shares  | 1.40% | 1.15%            |
| I Shares  | 1.08% | 0.90%            |
| R6 Shares | 6.81% | 0.87%            |

### CUSIP:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| A Shares  | 74926P860 |
| I Shares  | 74926P357 |
| R6 Shares | 74926P142 |

### Ticker:

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| A Shares  | TEEX  |
| I Shares  | RCSIX |
| R6 Shares | RBCRX |

### Minimum Initial Investment:

|           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| A Shares  | \$1,000.00   |
| I Shares  | \$250,000.00 |
| R6 Shares | \$250,000.00 |

### Inception Date:

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| A Shares  | 4.19.04  |
| I Shares  | 8.5.91   |
| R6 Shares | 11.21.16 |

**Net Fund Assets:** \$261.74 million

**Dividend Frequency:** Annually

## Investment Team

**Lance F. James**, Lead Portfolio Manager  
Investment Experience: 38 years

**George Prince**, Portfolio Manager  
Investment Experience: 23 years

**Robert Henderson**, Portfolio Manager  
Industry Experience: 3 years

**Richard C. Johnson**, Senior Equity Analyst  
Investment Experience: 43 years

**Eric Autio**, Senior Equity Analyst  
Investment Experience: 16 years

**Murphy O'Flaherty**, Senior Equity Analyst  
Investment Experience: 23 years

**Alison Kerivan**, Equity Analyst  
Industry Experience: 22 years

**Michael Schantz**, Director, Equity Client Service  
Investment Experience: 17 years

**Kristen Patrie**, Equity Trader  
Investment Experience: 24 years

**Ryan Larson**, Head of Equity Trading  
Investment Experience: 18 years

## Sector Allocation

| Sector                 | Weight |
|------------------------|--------|
| Industrials            | 29.17% |
| Consumer Discretionary | 21.61  |
| Financials             | 17.34  |
| Information Technology | 9.97   |
| Healthcare             | 9.59   |
| Materials              | 5.23   |
| Energy                 | 3.59   |
| Telecommunications     | 1.80   |
| Consumer Staples       | 1.00   |
| Utilities              | 0.43   |
| Real Estate            | 0.24   |
| Diversified ETF        | 0.03   |

## Top Ten Holdings

| Company Name                 | Weight |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Patrick Industries Inc       | 4.55%  |
| Columbus McKinnon Corp       | 4.50   |
| Compass Diversified Holdings | 4.25   |
| Greenbrier Cos Inc           | 3.26   |
| Grand Canyon Education Inc   | 3.22   |
| Emergent BioSolutions Inc    | 3.17   |
| ACCO Brands Corp             | 2.81   |
| MKS Instruments Inc          | 2.35   |
| Astronics Corp               | 2.32   |
| Ducommun Inc                 | 2.28   |

Source: RBC, FactSet

**Alpha** - a risk-adjusted performance measurement of a portfolio's excess return relative to its benchmark after considering its risk relative to the benchmark.

**Beta** - a volatility measurement of a portfolio compared to a benchmark or the overall market and indicates the sensitivity of a portfolio's returns to benchmark or market movements.

**R-Squared** - a statistical measure of the strength of the relationship between a portfolio's returns and its benchmark's returns and therefore a measurement of what portion of a portfolio's performance can be explained by movements in its benchmark.

**Sharpe Ratio** - a risk-adjusted return measurement of efficiency and is calculated using a portfolio's standard deviation and excess return relative to a risk-free rate to determine reward per unit of risk.

**Standard Deviation** - a volatility measurement and represents the average, or standard, deviation of a return series from its mean, or average, return.

**Upside Capture** - a performance measurement of a portfolio compared to its benchmark when the benchmark had positive returns and is calculated by dividing a portfolio's returns by its benchmark returns and multiplying by 100.

**Downside Capture** - a performance measurement of a portfolio compared to its benchmark when the benchmark had negative returns and is calculated by dividing a portfolio's returns by its benchmark returns and multiplying by 100.

## Risk Characteristics

10 Years through 9.30.18

|                         | Alpha  | Beta | Standard Deviation | R-Squared | Upside Capture | Downside Capture | Sharpe Ratio |
|-------------------------|--------|------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| RBC Small Cap Core Fund | -0.14% | 1.03 | 20.53%             | 95.18%    | 94.91%         | 99.39%           | 0.47         |
| Russell 2000 Index      | 0.00   | 1.00 | 19.52              | 100.00    | 100.00         | 100.00           | 0.50         |

## Portfolio Characteristics

As of 9.30.18

|  | RBC Small Cap Core Fund | Russell 2000 Index |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Valuation</b>   |                         |                    |
| Price/Earnings Ratio (Forward 12 Months)                 | 14.3x                   | 17.8x              |
| Price/Book Ratio (Trailing 12 Months)                    | 2.7x                    | 2.7x               |
| Price/Sales Ratio (Trailing 12 Months)                   | 1.8x                    | 2.7x               |
| Price/Cash Flow (Trailing 12 Months)                     | 12.4x                   | 14.2x              |
| <b>Growth</b>  |                         |                    |
| EPS Growth (Forward 2 Years)                             | 36.9%                   | 30.3%              |
| EPS Growth (Trailing 5 Years)                            | 10.5%                   | 6.3%               |
| Return on Equity (Trailing 5 Year Average)               | 13.4%                   | 8.5%               |
| <b>Risk</b>  |                         |                    |
| Long-Term Debt/Total Capitalization (Trailing 12 Months) | 27.1%                   | 28.1%              |
| <b>Other</b>   |                         |                    |
| Weighted Median Market Cap (Millions)                    | \$1,935                 | \$2,275            |
| Weighted Average Market Cap (Millions)                   | \$2,486                 | \$2,459            |
| Turnover (Prior Fiscal Year-End)                         | 29.0%                   | N/A                |
| Number of Holdings (Including Cash)                      | 79                      | 2,039              |

## Transfer Agent

U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC

### For Account Set-Up & Trade Placement

Call: 800.422.2766

Fax: 414.773.6933

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Acct 182380369377

(RBC Fund name)

(your account registration)

(your account number)

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**Long-Term Debt/Total Capitalization** - a ratio used to show a company's financial leverage by comparing its long-term debt to its available capital.

**Price/Book (P/B)** - a ratio used to compare the market value of a company's stock to its book value.

**Price/Cash Flow (P/CF)** - a ratio used to compare a company's market value to its cash flow.

**Price/Earnings (P/E)** - a ratio for valuing a company that measures its current share price relative to its per-share earnings.

**Price to Sales (P/S)** - a ratio that measures the price of company's stock against its annual sales.

**Return on Equity (ROE)** - a measurement of a company's profitability and reveals how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.

**Weighted Average Market Cap** - an average market capitalization of a portfolio calculated by giving more value to stocks with greater portfolio weights than stocks with lesser portfolio weights.

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