



# International Focus Equity

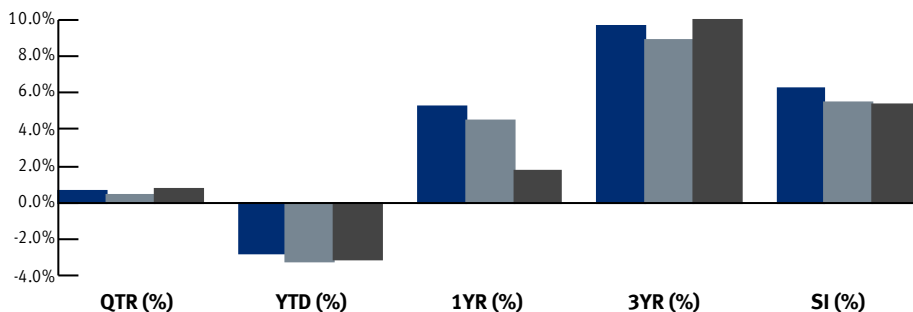
## Quarterly Commentary

International equities delivered moderate returns in the third quarter. Europe has had a string of country-level crises to tackle, such as Brexit-driven uncertainty in the UK and inconclusive election results in Italy, Germany and Sweden, leading to fragile coalitions. Japan, enjoying a fragile recovery, was hit hard by the US/China trade war while having an unfortunate series of meteorological phenomena. Emerging markets have entered bear market territory. Rising US interest rates and a strong dollar have impacted emerging market countries with unfavorable external balances. A healthy oil price has not helped the net oil importers, while a string of internal crises in Argentina, Brazil, Turkey and Venezuela have done little for confidence.

Within the MSCI ACWI ex USA Net Index, health care (4.5%) was the best performing sector, closely followed by energy (4.3%) and communication services (3.5%). Real estate (-3.7%), consumer discretionary (-2.8%) and information technology (2.4%) struggled during the quarter.

Quarterly performance was helped by strong stock selection in information technology, health care and industrials. Performance was hurt by selection in consumer staples, consumer discretionary and energy. The team continues to look to the long term to discover companies with strong inherent qualities that will be robust enough to withstand shorter-term market forces.

## Investment Performance



	QTR (%)	YTD (%)	1YR (%)	3YR (%)	SI (%)
Composite (Gross)	0.63	-2.71	5.24	9.59	6.22
Composite (Net)	0.46	-3.22	4.51	8.82	5.48
Benchmark	0.71	-3.09	1.76	9.97	5.33

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, Rimes

Inception of the performance record is 1.1.15.

Returns are presented in gross and net of fees and include the reinvestment of all income. All returns for periods greater than one year are shown on an annualized basis. Performance and composite information presented is supplemental to the "GIPS® Compliant Presentation" which contains additional information regarding calculation of performance data.

## Portfolio Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

	Strategy	Benchmark
Return on Equity (Trailing 12 Months)	16.2%	12.2%
Return on Assets (Trailing 12 Months)	2.7%	1.8%
Total Debt/Equity	1.0	1.3
Net Profit Margin	19.0%	15.4%
Price/Earnings Ratio (Forward 12 Months)	17.4	12.9
FCF Yield (ex-Financials)	3.3%	4.2%
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$74.3bn	\$68.4bn
Weighted Median Market Cap	\$43.3bn	\$35.1bn
Number of Holdings (Excluding Cash)	34	2166
Active Share	93.2%	-

### Market Cap Distribution

Market Cap	Strategy	Benchmark
> \$50 Billion (Large)	45.4%	39.4%
\$25-\$50 Billion (Medium/Large)	25.0%	21.0%
\$10-\$25 Billion (Medium)	14.3%	22.7%
<\$10 Billion (Small)	15.3%	16.9%

## Top Ten Holdings<sup>1</sup>

Company Name	Country	Strategy (%)
Roche	Switzerland	6.2
Unilever	Netherlands	5.1
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	5.1
InterContinental Hotels	United Kingdom	4.9
Anheuser-Busch	Belgium	4.8
AIA	Hong Kong	4.8
Safran	France	4.7
Deutsche Post	Germany	4.6
Nidec	Japan	4.2
Partners Group	Switzerland	4.0

## Strategy Overview

- \$1,055 Million Assets Under Management\*
- Inception: January 2015
- Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex-US Net Index
- Vehicles: Segregated Account, US '40 Act

## Investment Philosophy & Style

- Businesses with strong competitive dynamics generate considerable economic value over the long-term - poor businesses destroy it
- Owning over-priced stocks puts capital at risk
- Differentiated source of alpha with very low correlation to style-driven managers and peer group

## Investment Process

- Competitive Dynamics Assessment: Identify competitive businesses with growth opportunities
- Conviction-based strategy aims to deliver predictable and consistent risk-adjusted returns
- Embedded risk management process dedicated to monitoring and managing risk
- Integrated ESG factors to identify long-term risks to financial sustainability

## Portfolio Construction

- High conviction portfolio: 30-70 issues
- Majority of returns from stock selection
- Maximum in a single security: 7.5%
- Sector exposure: +/- 10% versus index
- Country exposure: +/- 10% versus index (except US +/- 15%)

## Investment Team

**Habib Subjally**, Head of RBC Global Equity  
Industry Experience: 24 years

### Seven Sector Focused Specialists

### Three Risk and Portfolio Construction Specialists

The investment team of eleven experts has over 180 years of collective investment experience and is based in the RBC GAM-UK London office.

## About RBC Global Asset Management

- Over \$330 billion Assets Under Management
- Offices in North America, Europe and Asia
- Over 300 investment professionals globally
- Part of Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), one of the highest rated and largest banks in the world\*

\*Ratings: S&P: AA-, Moody's: Aa2 (Bloomberg, 9.30.18). Ranked 5th largest bank in North America and 10th globally based on market capitalization (Bloomberg, 9.30.18).

## Region Allocation<sup>1</sup>

	Strategy (%)	Benchmark (%)
Europe/Middle East	55.9	43.7
Asia Pacific	24.2	25.0
Emerging Markets	15.9	24.6
North America	2.9	6.6
Cash	1.2	0.0

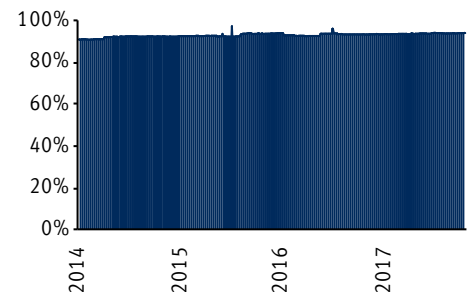
## Sector Allocation<sup>1</sup>

	Strategy (%)
Financials	21.2
Industrials	18.8
Consumer Discretionary	12.6
Health Care	11.6
Materials	10.6
Consumer Staples	9.9
Information Technology	6.3
Energy	5.1
Utilities	2.6
Cash	1.2

## Total Risk from Stock Specific Sources<sup>1</sup>

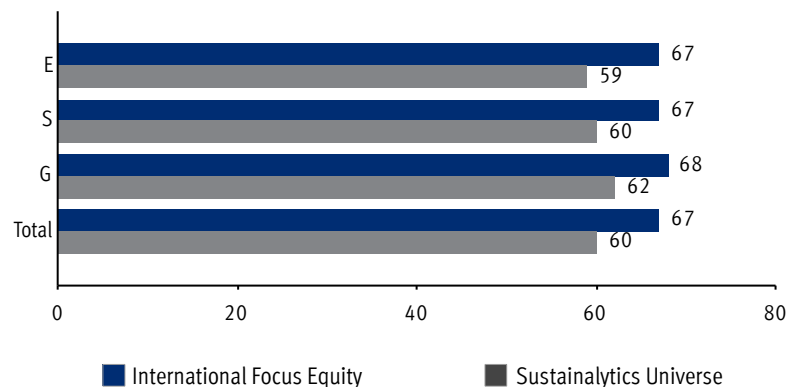


## Active Share<sup>1</sup>



Source: RBC, MSCI, Northfield, UBS PAS, Citigram, Axioma.

## Environmental, Social & Governance Credentials<sup>1</sup>



Sustainalytics scores these companies on a scale out of 100. The un-weighted average score of holdings in the International Focus Equity strategy compared to the Sustainalytics coverage universe.

## Proxy Voting Record 12 Months Ending 9/2018

With Management	Against	Total
96%	4%	100%

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\* Assets under management include two composites in the strategy: ex-North America and ex-US.

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# GIPS® Compliant Presentation, as of September 30, 2018

## RBC GAM Non-U.S. Equity - Concentrated

Inception Date: January 1, 2015

Benchmark: MSCI ACWI ex US Total Return Net Index

Currency: USD

Annual Returns	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (millions)	Firm Assets (millions)
2015	0.36	-0.34	-5.66	n/a	n/a	1	-	5.5	276,979.3
2016	-4.37	-5.04	4.50	n/a	n/a	1	-	22.7	289,538.6
2017	34.30	33.36	27.19	12.10	11.87	1	-	64.6	331,885.2
YTD 2018	-2.71	-3.22	-3.09	11.33	10.73	1	-	66.0	332,659.9

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**Composite Description:** The Non-U.S. Equity - Concentrated composite achieves long-term capital growth by investing primarily in a diversified portfolio of common stocks domiciled in the world's largest industrialized countries outside the United States. Portfolios follow a concentrated approach of 30-70 positions.

**Benchmark:** The benchmark is the MSCI ACWI ex USA net index. The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of all countries across the world excluding the United States of America. Index returns are provided for comparison purposes to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. An index is fully invested, includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs. Holdings of each separately managed account in a composite will differ from the index. An investor may not invest directly in an index.

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**Composite Dispersion:** The composite dispersion of annual returns is indicated by the performance of individual accounts representing the equal weighted standard deviation of returns. Dispersion of returns is calculated for portfolios included in the composite for the full year.

**3-Year Standard Deviation:** Periods with less than 3 years of data will show "n/a".

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**Fee Schedule:** The management fee schedule is as follows: 0.70% for the first US\$50m, 0.60% on the next US\$50m, and 0.55% for all assets over US\$100m. Advisory fees are described on this page and on Form ADV Part 2A. RBC GAM reserves the right to negotiate all advisory fees.

**Minimum Account Size:** Currently there is no minimum account size in order to be included in this composite.

**Creation Date:** This composite was created on January 1, 2015 and has an inception date of January 1, 2015.

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