## **RBC Global Asset Management**

**RBC QUBE Low Volatility U.S. Equity Fund** 



#### Investment objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of U.S. companies using a quantitative investment approach. The fund seeks to achieve a reduced level of volatility of returns as compared to the broader U.S. equity market.The investment team uses a quantitative approach to build a portfolio that first minimizes the expected volatility of returns and then seeks to maximize risk-adjusted returns. In building the portfolio, each stock in the U.S. universe is evaluated according to its stability, growth and quality characteristics. The end result is a broadly diversified portfolio with holdings spread across most of the 31 custom sectors in the U.S.

#### Performance analysis as of March 31, 2025 Growth of \$100,000 Series O \$354,816 370 340 310 280 250 220 190 160 130 100 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 YTD

#### Fund details

Series	Currency	Fund code	
0	CAD	RBF288	
Inception date	•	November 2012	
Total fund ass	ets \$MM	2,132.9	
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# Benchmark

100% S&P Composite 1500 Total Return Index (CAD)



#### Portfolio analysis as of March 31, 2025 Asset mix



	% Assets
• Cash	0.3
<ul> <li>Fixed income</li> </ul>	0.0
<ul> <li>Canadian equities</li> </ul>	0.0
<ul> <li>U.S. equities</li> </ul>	99.7
<ul> <li>European equities</li> </ul>	0.0
<ul> <li>Asia-Pacific equities</li> </ul>	0.0
<ul> <li>Emerging markets equities</li> </ul>	0.0

Emerging markets equities

#### Equity style

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Large	42	24	6	•	> 50
Mid	7	11	4		25-50
Small	1	2	4	0	10-28 0-10
	Value	Blend	Growth	, -	

#### Equity characteristics

%	Dividend yield (%)	2.3
	Price to earnings ratio (forward)	17.2
)	Price to book ratio	4.3
50	Price to free cash flow ratio	12.0
00	Price to sales ratio	2.2
25	Weighted average market	353.0
	capitalization (\$Bn)	

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Risk measures	Fund	Benchmark
3-year standard deviation	9.1	13.7
5-year standard deviation	10.2	13.5

## Portfolio analysis continued as of March 31, 2025

Top 25 holdings	% Assets
Southern Co	3.0
Duke Energy Corp	3.0
Automatic Data Processing Inc	3.0
Kimberly-Clark Corp	2.9
Colgate-Palmolive Co	2.9
Mastercard Inc - Class A Shares	2.9
Johnson & Johnson	2.9
Verizon Communications Inc	2.9
Procter & Gamble Co	2.8
Gilead Sciences Inc	2.8
Altria Group Inc	2.7
Consolidated Edison Inc	2.7
Coca-Cola Co	2.6
Merck & Co Inc	2.5
Verisk Analytics Inc	2.5
Comcast Corp - Class A Shares	2.4
TJX Cos Inc	2.3
EOG Resources Inc	2.3
T-Mobile US Inc	2.1
Apple Inc	2.1
AbbVie Inc	2.1
Paychex Inc	2.0
McKesson Corp	2.0
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	1.9
Berkshire Hathaway Inc - Class B Share	s 1.8
Total % of top 25 holdings	63.1

Equity sector allocation	%
Health Care	19.8
Consumer Staples	19.5
Industrials	11.3
Utilities	11.0
Financials	11.0
Communication Services	10.2
Energy	5.1
Information Technology	5.1
Consumer Discretionary	3.6
Materials	3.5
Real Estate	0.0

Highest/lowest returns (%) <sup>†</sup>	1 yr		3 yr		5 yr		10 yr	
	Ended	Return	Ended	Return	Ended	Return	Ended	Return
Highest	07-2015	36.8	12-2015	27.3	11-2017	21.4	11-2022	15.6
Lowest	03-2020	-7.6	09-2022	4.8	09-2023	8.2	01-2025	12.2
Average	—	14.9	—	13.5	—	13.0	—	13.5
No. of periods	—	137	—	113	—	89	—	29
% positive	—	93.4	_	100.0	_	100.0	_	100.0

<sup>†</sup>Highest/lowest returns (%) is based on data since inception of the fund.

Distributions(\$)/unit*	YTD	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Interest	_	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	_	_	-
Canadian dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign dividends	—	0.67	0.65	0.89	0.56	0.66	0.55	0.57	0.60	0.54	0.36
Foreign taxes paid	—	-0.11	-0.11	-0.12	-0.09	-0.10	-0.09	-0.11	-0.11	-0.10	-0.07
Capital gains	—	2.03	1.26	0.40	2.69	—	1.13	1.19	1.11	0.50	0.07
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total distributions	0.00	2.59	1.81	1.19	3.17	0.56	1.59	1.65	1.59	0.94	0.36

\*Income type characterization and foreign taxes paid for the previous year, are reported at or around January month-end. Distributions reported are for the same series as the performance analysis. For distributions on other series please visit rbcgam.com/funds.

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