

# Insights

## RBC Select Portfolios

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## Your foundation for the future

Much like the modern cities of today, your RBC Select Portfolio was constructed on a solid foundation – yet is constantly evolving. Explore our construction plan on page 2.



### Did you know?



When launched, RBC Select Balanced Portfolio held 6 underlying funds investing only in Canadian and U.S. stocks and Canadian government bonds.



Today, RBC Select Balanced Portfolio holds 30 underlying funds, with exposure to global markets and a much wider range of asset classes.

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# Building on a solid foundation over time

As global economies transform, your RBC Select Portfolio has kept pace, taking advantage of new investment opportunities and strategies. This continuous drive to deliver an exceptional investor experience is one of the many reasons why millions of Canadians have trusted RBC Select Portfolios to help them reach their financial goals for over 30 years.



## The architect behind RBC Select Portfolios

**Sarah Riopelle, VP and Senior Portfolio Manager**

Cities require architects to shape their skylines. So too does your RBC Select Portfolio. Since 2009, Sarah and her team have managed the entire suite of RBC Portfolio Solutions.

## Always building, always evolving

As Canada's largest asset manager<sup>1</sup>, we are well positioned to constantly pursue new investment strategies and asset classes to find opportunities in the ever-changing investment landscape. You can invest with confidence knowing that the professionals behind your portfolio operate on a solid foundation of experience, teamwork and global expertise.

<sup>1</sup>Source: Strategic Insights, as of December 31, 2018



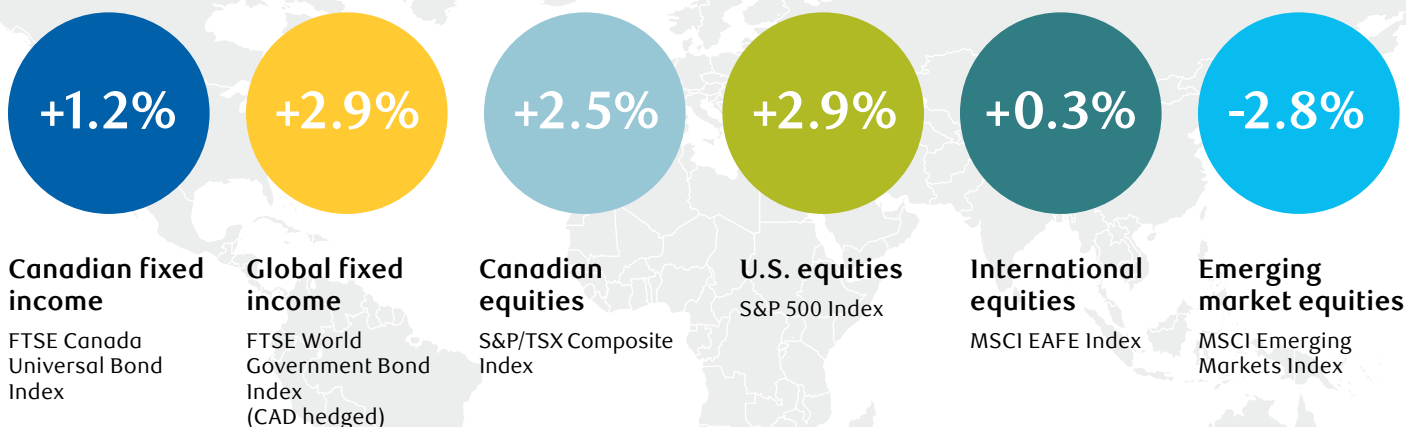
## Portfolio manager viewpoint

**Sarah Riopelle, CFA , Vice President & Senior Portfolio Manager, Investment Solutions**

Financial markets face an evolving set of macroeconomic headwinds and, against this challenging backdrop, central banks are now offering support through monetary stimulus. Our base case is for continued economic growth, albeit at a slowing pace but we recognize that the downside risks have increased. We have increased our odds of recession to approximately 40% within the next year, double

the base case in any given year, but still not our central outcome. We continue to expect stocks to outperform bonds over the longer term and remain overweight equities and underweight fixed income as a result. However, we don't feel that this is the time to be running substantial risk positions. We have trimmed exposure to stocks again this quarter by half a percentage point, moving the proceeds to cash.

## Markets this quarter



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We thank you for your ongoing trust in continuing to hold RBC Select Portfolios as part of your investment plan. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us or your advisor.

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