

# RBC Funds (Lux) — U.S. Small Cap Equity Fund

# Investment objective

To provide long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in equity securities of small-cap companies that the Investment Manager deems to have superior long-term business fundamentals including a proven product or service, market leadership, sustainable competitive advantage and sound financials.

# **Fund information**

S	ihare class	Mgmt fees	Total expense ratio	NAV per share	Bloomberg code	ISIN code
C	(acc) USD	0.75%	0.85%	189.29	RBCUSSO LX	LU0687669076

# Investment performance (total return) - Annualised

Share class	1 mo.	3 mo.	1 yr.	3 yr.	5 yr.	Since inception	Inception date
O (acc) USD	4.4%	1.7%	(7.6)%	4.9%	4.8%	8.8%	03-Nov-11
Benchmark (USD)	5.1%	(0.6)%	(8.2)%	6.5%	7.8%	11.0%	

# **Net Calendar Year Performance**

Share class	2018	2017	2016	2016 2015		Cumulative Since Inception	
O (acc) USD	(21.4)%	10.7%	28.8%	(10.9)%	2.4%	93.8%	
Benchmark (USD)	(12.9)%	7.8%	31.7%	(5.1)%	4.9%	126.1%	

Since inception, share class performance & benchmark performance are calculated from the first month-end following the inception of the respective share classes. Historical benchmark from inception to Sep 30, 2015 - Russell 2000 Index (USD).

Past performance is not indicative of future results and returns may increase or decrease as a result of currency fluctuations.

# **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

RBC Global Asset Management Inc.

# **SUB-INVESTMENT MANAGER**

RBC Global Asset Management (U.S.) Inc.

#### **BENCHMARK**

Russell 2000 Value index (USD)

# **FUND SIZE (USD)**

2.3m

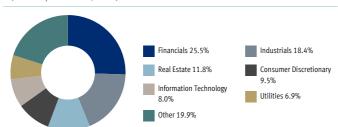
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Top 10 holdings	Current
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Compass Diversified Holdings	3.7%
Columbus McKinnon Corp/NY	3.1%
Portland General Electric Co	2.7%
Spire Inc	2.5%
United Community Banks Inc/GA	2.3%
ACCO Brands Corp	2.1%
Amerisafe Inc	1.9%
Delek US Holdings Inc	1.9%
Chemical Financial Corp	1.9%
John B Sanfilippo & Son Inc	1.8%
Total	23.9%
Cash and Equivalents	5.9%
No. of Holdings	78
Purchases	
N/A	
Sales	

September 30, 2019

# Sector breakdown

(As at September 30, 2019)



# Market capitalization (As at September 30, 2019) (2B) 56.0% (700M · 2B) 33.8% (700 M) 10.2%

# Investment performance

**Top 5 contributors** 

(for the month)

	Beginning weight	Security return	Security contribution
Columbus McKinnon Corp/NY	2.9%	12.5	0.36
Greenbrier Companies Inc	1.0%	29.3	0.30
G-III Apparel Group Ltd	1.0%	25.6	0.27
Emergent BioSolutions Inc	1.3%	19.4	0.26
Enersys	1.5%	17.8	0.26

# **Bottom 5 contributors**

(for the month)

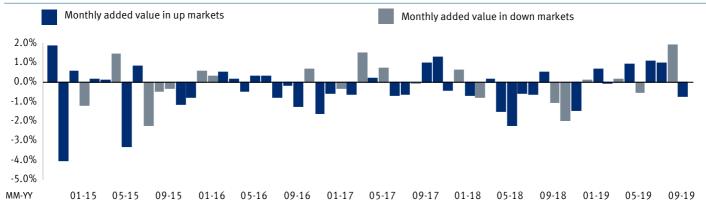
	Beginning weight	Security return	Security contribution
Grand Canyon Education	1.6%	(21.8)	(0.36)
Teleflex Inc	1.6%	(6.6)	(0.10)
Tilly's Inc	0.8%	(11.9)	(0.10)
Casella Waste Systems Inc	1.7%	(5.6)	(0.09)
Dave & Buster's Entertainment Inc	0.8%	(9.5)	(0.08)

# Performance attribution

	Fund		Benchmark		Attribution Effects		
	Weight	Return	Weight	Return	Allocation	Stock Selection	Total
JS Equity	100.00	(7.32)	100.00	(8.24)	(0.28)	0.87	0.59
Communication Srvcs	3.64	(2.10)	2.83	(18.76)	(0.04)	0.64	0.60
Consumer Discretionary	10.11	(26.58)	9.39	(11.64)	(0.10)	(1.65)	(1.75)
Consumer Staples	2.39	25.98	2.54	(11.15)	0.02	0.66	0.69
inergy	4.65	(36.13)	5.95	(49.75)	0.84	0.95	1.79
inancials	24.08	(6.62)	29.28	(4.05)	(0.15)	(0.56)	(0.72)
lealth Care	5.07	(11.07)	4.44	(32.80)	(0.19)	1.33	1.14
ndustrials	19.11	(12.49)	11.82	(6.33)	0.13	(1.20)	(1.08)
nformation Technology	7.71	(4.88)	10.72	8.02	(0.47)	(0.93)	(1.41)
Materials	5.34	5.81	4.24	(20.48)	(0.15)	1.20	1.05
eal Estate	11.13	10.61	11.89	7.03	(0.11)	0.31	0.20
Itilities	6.76	21.15	6.89	18.76	(0.06)	0.13	0.06

Attribution results are calculated over a trailing 12 month period or since inception (if data is less than 12 months). Attribution is intended to demonstrate trends in performance due to security selection and sector/country allocation and is calculated from the underlying segregated asset positions and may not add up to the total portfolio return calculated using the NAV of the fund. Fund sector/country weights in the attribution table are based on beginning market values, adjusted for purchases and sales activities during the year.

# Value added chart



Value added calculation is based on performance of Class O (acc) USD shares.

September 30, 2019

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