# **RBC Global Asset Management**

# **Monthly Investment Review**

February 28, 2021

# RBC Funds (Lux) — Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Fund



# Investment objective

To provide long-term capital growth by investing primarily in equity securities of small-cap companies located in or with significant business interests in emerging markets.

### **Fund information**

Share class	Mgmt fees	Total expense ratio	NAV per share	Bloomberg code	ISIN code
O (acc) USD	1.00%	1.30%	116.24	RBCEMSO LX	LU1217269809
O (acc) GBP	1.00%	1.30%	140.69	RBEMSOG LX	LU1327516768
A (acc) USD	2.05%	2.50%	108.51	RBCEMSA LX	LU1217269551
B (acc) USD	1.10%	1.55%	114.56	RBCEMSB LX	LU1217269635
B (dist) GBP (H)	1.10%	1.55%	106.32	RBCSBGH LX	LU1217269718

### Investment performance (total return) - Annualised

Share class	1 mo.	3 mo.	YTD	1 yr.	3 yr.	5 yr.	10 yr.	Since inception
O (acc) USD	3.4%	13.0%	5.8%	23.1%	(0.7)%	6.8%		2.7%
O (acc) GBP	1.6%	7.9%	3.5%	12.4%	(1.2)%	6.7%		6.6%
A (acc) USD	3.3%	12.6%	5.6%	21.6%	(1.9)%	5.5%		1.5%
B (acc) USD	3.4%	12.9%	5.8%	22.8%	(1.0)%	6.5%		2.4%
B (dist) GBP (H)	3.3%	12.7%	5.7%	21.5%	(2.5)%	4.9%		1.1%
Benchmark (USD)	6.0%	14.2%	6.0%	41.8%	4.2%	11.4%		4.5%

### **Net Calendar Year Performance**

Share class	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	Cumulative Since Inception	Inception date
O (acc) USD	4.5%	1.0%	(10.5)%	24.8%	5.7%	16.7%	28-Apr-15
O (acc) GBP	1.3%	(2.9)%	(4.9)%	14.0%	26.1%	39.2%	07-Dec-15
A (acc) USD	3.3%	(0.2)%	(11.5)%	23.4%	4.5%	8.9%	28-Apr-15
B (acc) USD	4.2%	0.8%	(10.7)%	24.5%	5.5%	15.0%	28-Apr-15
B (dist) GBP (H)	3.0%	(1.2)%	(12.4)%	22.6%	4.4%	6.8%	28-Apr-15
Benchmark (USD)	19.3%	11.5%	(18.6)%	33.8%	2.3%	29.6%	

Since inception, share class performance & benchmark performance are calculated from the first month-end following the inception of the respective share classes. 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 (UK) Limited

#### **BENCHMARK**

MSCI Emerging Markets Small Cap (NI) Index (USD\$)

### **FUND SIZE (USD)**

12.2m

Top 10 holdings	Current
Chroma ATE Inc	5.3%
Voltronic Power Technology Corp	4.8%
Cyient Ltd	3.8%
Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd	3.7%
LEENO Industrial Inc	3.7%
Century Pacific Food Inc	3.5%
Marico Ltd	3.1%
Koh Young Technology Inc	2.9%
Fleury SA	2.9%
Sundaram Finance Ltd	2.8%
Total	36.5%
Cash and Equivalents	0.3%
No. of Holdings	53

### **Purchases**

Soulbrain Co Ltd/New

Aeris Industria E Comercio De Equipamentos Para Geracao De Energia SA

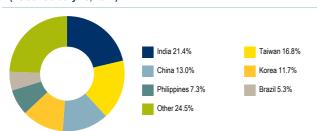
Xiamen Faratronic Co Ltd

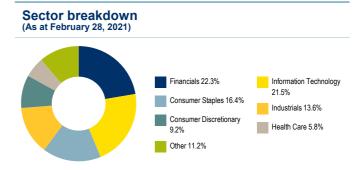
### Sales

Pacific Hospital Supply Co Ltd

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# Geographical breakdown (As at February 28, 2021)





## Investment performance

Top 5 contributors (for the month)

	Beginning weight	Security return	Security contribution
Sundaram Finance Ltd	2.1%	54.9	1.16
Tube Investments of India Ltd	1.9%	37.4	0.70
InnoCare Pharma Ltd	1.7%	39.4	0.66
Chroma ATE Inc	5.1%	8.8	0.44
Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd	3.6%	9.9	0.35

# Bottom 5 contributors (for the month)

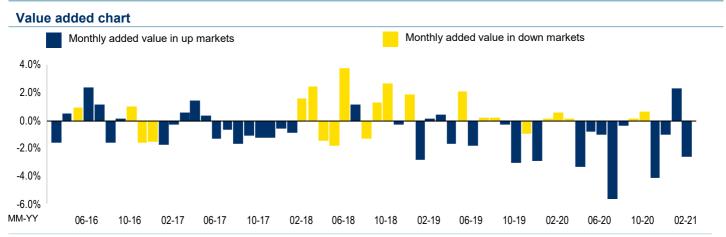
	Beginning weight	Security return	Security contribution
Voltronic Power Technology Corp	5.5%	(9.3)	(0.51)
Aramex PJSC	2.4%	(11.8)	(0.28)
AVI Ltd	2.8%	(6.6)	(0.18)
Hatton National Bank PLC	1.1%	(15.8)	(0.17)
BRAC Bank Ltd	1.6%	(10.5)	(0.17)

### **Performance attribution**

	Fu	Fund		hmark	Attribution Effects			
	Weight	Return	Weight	Return	Currency returns	Allocation	Stock Selection	Total
Total Equities	100.00	25.58	100.00	41.75		(7.11)	(9.10)	(16.22)
Brazil	3.98	(20.70)	7.17	(14.95)	(19.18)	0.99	1.30	2.29
Chile	5.60	(21.64)	0.88	16.10	12.95	(1.93)	(2.17)	(4.09)
China	12.73	50.03	12.18	56.87	8.01	0.27	(1.15)	(0.87)
Colombia	0.00		0.26	(1.95)	(3.35)	0.07	0.04	0.11
Czech Republic	0.00		0.06	0.00				
Egypt	1.00	(5.04)	0.38	(3.72)	(0.35)	(0.28)	(0.06)	(0.34)
Greece	0.00		1.05	56.20	10.04	(0.01)	(0.13)	(0.14)
Hungary	0.00		0.11	8.07	1.82	0.04	0.00	0.04
India	17.55	38.93	12.93	38.44	(1.91)	0.22	(0.12)	0.11
Indonesia	2.13	(10.97)	1.73	24.46	0.29	0.14	(1.15)	(1.01)
Korea	10.10	62.94	17.81	82.15	7.00	(1.42)	(2.48)	(3.90)
Malaysia	1.54	(31.10)	3.33	55.39	3.92	(0.18)	(1.70)	(1.88)
Mexico	3.20	13.30	2.18	2.76	(5.51)	(0.23)	0.24	0.01
Peru	1.30	28.80	0.02	7.88	(5.36)	(0.36)	0.23	(0.13)
Philippines	6.64	31.34	0.77	11.42	4.92	(1.87)	1.59	(0.28)
Poland	0.00		1.18	48.45	4.76	0.01	(0.05)	(0.05)
Qatar	0.00		1.04	29.91	(0.03)	0.08	0.00	0.08
Russia	0.08		1.26	49.11	0.00	(0.04)	0.92	0.87
South Africa	5.92	(6.14)	3.42	23.70	3.83	(0.22)	(1.82)	(2.04)
Taiwan	18.46	36.20	22.89	49.59	8.39	(80.0)	(2.58)	(2.66)
Thailand	0.94		3.52	44.56	3.52	(0.08)	0.30	0.23
Turkey	0.00		1.25	47.15	0.00	(0.03)	0.00	(0.03)
UAE	2.67	7.64	0.57	5.80	(0.00)	(0.76)	0.34	(0.42)
Pakistan	0.95	52.38	0.55	13.55	(2.55)	(0.09)	0.32	0.23
Other	3.68	(16.78)	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1.11)	(1.69)	(2.80)
Argentina	0.00		0.68	(15.80)	(30.84)	0.14	0.32	0.46
Saudi Arabia	0.00		2.65	29.08	0.01	0.30	0.00	0.30
Bangladesh	1.55	22.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.67)	0.37	(0.29)
Kuwait	0.00		0.12	0.00				· ′

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

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