



### Investment objective

The fund invests primarily in small- and mid-cap equity securities of companies listed on an exchange in Canada within the Energy and Materials sector. The fund may invest no more than 10% of its assets in foreign securities.

### Fund details

Series	Load structure	Currency	Fund code
A	No Load	CAD	RBF527

**Inception date** February 2015

**Total fund assets \$MM** 394.1

**Series A NAV \$** 11.46

**Series A MER %** 2.09

**Income distribution** Annually

**Capital gains distribution** Annually

**Sales status** Open

**Minimum investment \$** 500

**Subsequent investment \$** 25

**Risk rating** High

**Fund category** Natural Resources Equity

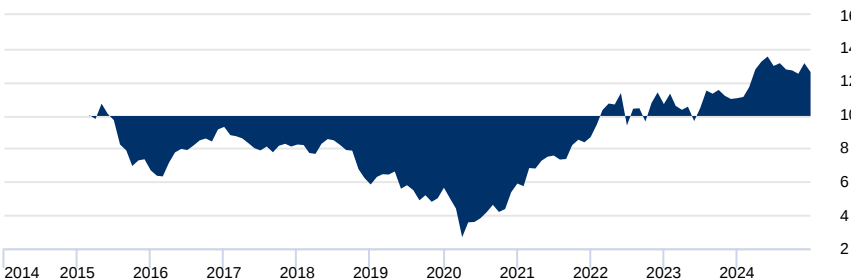
### Benchmark

100% S&P/TSX SmallCap Index (CAD)

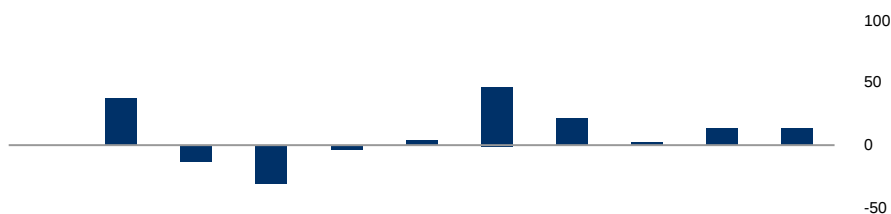
### Performance analysis for Series A as of December 31, 2024

Growth of \$10,000

Series A \$12,583



### Calendar returns %

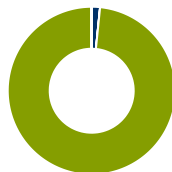


2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD	
—	39.1	-11.4	-29.2	-3.3	4.5	47.3	22.8	3.3	14.2	14.2	Fund
—	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quartile

1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr	Since incep.	Trailing return %
-4.1	-0.8	-2.8	14.2	13.2	17.4	—	1.8	Fund
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	—	—	Quartile
100	100	98	98	92	90	—	—	# of funds in category

### Portfolio analysis as of December 31, 2024

#### Asset mix



	% Assets
Cash	1.6
Fixed income	0.0
Canadian equities	98.4
U.S. equities	0.0
European equities	0.0
Asia-Pacific equities	0.0
Emerging markets equities	0.0

#### Equity style

	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	0	0	0
Mid	17	40	14
Small	11	11	7

#### Weight %

- > 50
- 25-50
- 10-25
- 0-10

#### Equity characteristics

Dividend yield (%)	2.3
Price to earnings ratio (forward)	11.8
Price to book ratio	1.5
Weighted average market capitalization (\$Bn)	7.7

## Portfolio analysis continued as of December 31, 2024

Top 25 holdings	% Assets
ARC Resources Ltd	11.7
Ivanhoe Mines Ltd	8.2
Lundin Mining Corp	6.0
West Fraser Timber Co Ltd	5.5
PrairieSky Royalty Ltd	5.2
NexGen Energy Ltd	4.7
MEG Energy Corp	4.4
Capstone Copper Corp	4.4
Methanex Corp	4.1
Whitecap Resources Inc	3.6
Hudbay Minerals Inc	3.6
Veren Inc	3.4
Peyto Exploration & Development Corp	2.8
Athabasca Oil Corp	2.6
Stella-Jones Inc	2.3
Tamarack Valley Energy Ltd	2.3
NuVista Energy Ltd	2.2
Topaz Energy Corp	2.2
Advantage Energy Ltd	2.0
Headwater Exploration Inc	1.9
CES Energy Solutions Corp	1.9
Paramount Resources Ltd - Class A Shares	1.8
Kelt Exploration Ltd	1.3
Pason Systems Inc	1.2
Filo Corp	1.2
Total % of top 25 holdings	90.2

Equity sector allocation	%
Energy	60.1
Materials	39.9
Communication Services	0.0
Consumer Discretionary	0.0
Consumer Staples	0.0
Financials	0.0
Health Care	0.0
Industrials	0.0
Information Technology	0.0
Real Estate	0.0
Utilities	0.0
Unclassified	0.0

Highest/lowest returns (%) <sup>†</sup>	1 yr		3 yr		5 yr		10 yr	
	Ended	Return	Ended	Return	Ended	Return	Ended	Return
Highest	03-2021	154.7	03-2023	57.0	11-2024	21.2	—	—
Lowest	03-2020	-58.5	03-2020	-32.3	03-2020	-22.9	—	—
Average	—	10.2	—	10.2	—	5.4	—	—
No. of periods	—	107	—	83	—	59	—	—
% positive	—	55.1	—	51.8	—	64.4	—	—

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

Distributions(\$)/unit*	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Interest	—	0.00	0.00	—	0.00	0.00	0.00	—	—	0.00	—
Canadian dividends	—	0.09	0.03	—	0.02	0.04	0.02	—	—	0.06	—
Foreign dividends	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.00	—	—	—	—
Foreign taxes paid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital gains	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Return of capital	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total distributions</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>—</b>

\*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](http://rbcgam.com/funds).

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