# **RBC Global Asset Management**

Monthly Investment Review October 31, 2020

# 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<br>fees | Total<br>expense ratio | NAV<br>per share | Bloomberg<br>code | ISIN<br>code |
|------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| O (acc) USD      | 1.00%        | 1.30%                  | 93.53            | RBCEMSO LX        | LU1217269809 |
| O (acc) GBP      | 1.00%        | 1.30%                  | 122.41           | RBEMSOG LX        | LU1327516768 |
| A (acc) USD      | 2.05%        | 2.50%                  | 87.63            | RBCEMSA LX        | LU1217269551 |
| B (acc) USD      | 1.10%        | 1.55%                  | 92.25            | RBCEMSB LX        | LU1217269635 |
| B (dist) GBP (H) | 1.10%        | 1.55%                  | 85.85            | RBCSBGH LX        | LU1217269718 |

### Investment performance (total return) - Annualised

| Share class      | 1 mo.  | 3 mo. | YTD     | 1 yr.   | 3 yr.  | 5 yr.  | 10 yr. | Since<br>inception |
|------------------|--------|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|
| O (acc) USD      | 0.1%   | 2.3%  | (11.0)% | (9.5)%  | (5.8)% | 0.8%   |        | (1.1)%             |
| O (acc) GBP      | 0.1%   | 3.8%  | (8.8)%  | (9.4)%  | (5.0)% |        |        | 4.0%               |
| A (acc) USD      | (0.0)% | 2.0%  | (11.9)% | (10.6)% | (6.9)% | (0.4)% |        | (2.3)%             |
| B (acc) USD      | 0.1%   | 2.2%  | (11.2)% | (9.7)%  | (6.0)% | 0.5%   |        | (1.4)%             |
| B (dist) GBP (H) | 0.1%   | 2.1%  | (12.1)% | (10.8)% | (7.7)% | (0.9)% |        | (2.7)%             |
| Benchmark (USD)  | (0.6)% | 1.8%  | (2.9)%  | 2.4%    | (2.4)% | 3.3%   |        | (0.1)%             |

### **Net Calendar Year Performance**

| Share class      | 2019   | 2018    | 2017  | 2016  | 2015 | Cumulative<br>Since<br>Inception | Inception<br>date |
|------------------|--------|---------|-------|-------|------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| O (acc) USD      | 1.0%   | (10.5)% | 24.8% | 5.7%  |      | (6.1)%                           | 28-Apr-15         |
| O (acc) GBP      | (2.9)% | (4.9)%  | 14.0% | 26.1% |      | 21.1%                            | 07-Dec-15         |
| A (acc) USD      | (0.2)% | (11.5)% | 23.4% | 4.5%  |      | (12.0)%                          | 28-Apr-15         |
| B (acc) USD      | 0.8%   | (10.7)% | 24.5% | 5.5%  |      | (7.4)%                           | 28-Apr-15         |
| B (dist) GBP (H) | (1.2)% | (12.4)% | 22.6% | 4.4%  |      | (13.8)%                          | 28-Apr-15         |
| Benchmark (USD)  | 11.5%  | (18.6)% | 33.8% | 2.3%  |      | (0.6)%                           |                   |

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)

9.8m

# Top 10 holdings Current Voltronic Power Technology Corp 5.2%

| No. of Holdings                    | 51    |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Cash and Equivalents               | 5.3%  |
| Total                              | 37.0% |
| Vitasoy International Holdings Ltd | 3.1%  |
| Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd    | 3.1%  |
| Giant Manufacturing Co Ltd         | 3.3%  |
| LEENO Industrial Inc               | 3.4%  |
| AVI Ltd                            | 3.5%  |
| Marico Ltd                         | 3.6%  |
| Fleury SA                          | 3.8%  |
| Century Pacific Food Inc           | 4.0%  |
| Chroma ATE Inc                     | 4.1%  |
| voluonic Power Technology Corp     | 0.270 |

# Purchases

N/A

### Sales

N/A

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# Investment performance

### Top 5 contributors (for the month)

| ()                                    |                     |                    |                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|                                       | Beginning<br>weight | Security<br>return | Security contribution |
| Sundaram Finance Ltd                  | 2.1%                | 12.8               | 0.27                  |
| Hongfa Technology Co Ltd              | 1.7%                | 14.4               | 0.25                  |
| Selamat Sempurna Tbk PT               | 1.2%                | 18.8               | 0.23                  |
| SITC International Holdings Co<br>Ltd | 1.8%                | 11.7               | 0.21                  |
| Poya International Co Ltd             | 1.4%                | 12.8               | 0.18                  |

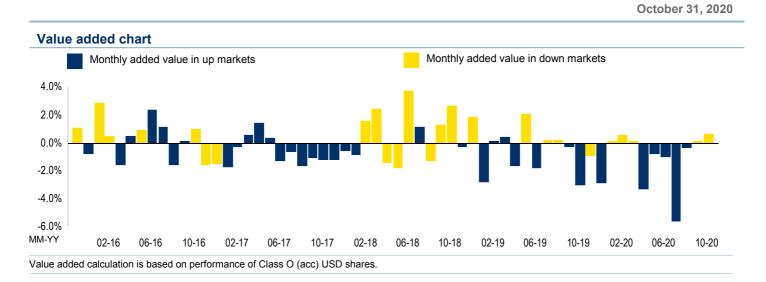
#### Bottom 5 contributors (for the month)

|                                | Beginning<br>weight | Security<br>return | Security contribution |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Chroma ATE Inc                 | 4.6%                | (10.0)             | (0.46)                |
| Century Pacific Food Inc       | 4.7%                | (9.4)              | (0.44)                |
| Inversiones La Construccion SA | 2.5%                | (9.5)              | (0.24)                |
| Aramex PJSC                    | 2.9%                | (7.7)              | (0.22)                |
| Koh Young Technology Inc       | 2.6%                | (8.6)              | (0.22)                |
|                                |                     |                    |                       |

# **Performance attribution**

|                | Fu     | Fund    |        | hmark   |                     | Attribution Effects |                    |         |  |
|----------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------|--|
|                | Weight | Return  | Weight | Return  | Currency<br>returns | Allocation          | Stock<br>Selection | Total   |  |
| Total Equities | 100.00 | (10.56) | 100.00 | 2.39    |                     | (4.72)              | (8.29)             | (13.01) |  |
| Brazil         | 4.54   | (40.25) | 8.27   | (31.33) | (30.39)             | 0.05                | 1.18               | 1.23    |  |
| Chile          | 5.92   | (53.35) | 0.94   | (32.59) | (4.22)              | (1.82)              | (2.28)             | (4.10)  |  |
| China          | 12.95  | 2.08    | 11.66  | 14.93   | 5.26                | 0.18                | (1.72)             | (1.54)  |  |
| Colombia       | 0.00   |         | 0.28   | (40.79) | (12.73)             | 0.08                | 0.05               | 0.13    |  |
| Egypt          | 1.00   | (23.67) | 0.42   | (26.23) | 2.81                | (0.21)              | 0.05               | (0.16)  |  |
| Greece         | 0.00   |         | 0.90   | (22.11) | 4.62                | 0.33                | (0.05)             | 0.29    |  |
| Hungary        | 0.00   |         | 0.12   | (27.61) | (6.46)              | 0.03                | 0.01               | 0.04    |  |
| India          | 17.30  | (6.99)  | 12.86  | 0.63    | (4.81)              | 0.14                | (1.69)             | (1.55)  |  |
| Indonesia      | 2.02   | (30.42) | 1.78   | (39.21) | (4.34)              | 0.12                | 0.16               | 0.28    |  |
| Korea          | 10.09  | 0.09    | 16.76  | 27.13   | 3.03                | (0.84)              | (2.93)             | (3.78)  |  |
| Valaysia       | 1.73   | (33.32) | 3.35   | 16.79   | 0.68                | (0.19)              | (0.93)             | (1.13)  |  |
| Mexico         | 3.37   | (8.00)  | 2.46   | (21.49) | (9.73)              | (0.08)              | 0.34               | 0.26    |  |
| Peru           | 0.97   |         | 0.00   | 0.00    | (7.42)              | 0.06                | (0.26)             | (0.20)  |  |
| Philippines    | 6.26   | (13.10) | 0.82   | (29.72) | 4.59                | (2.13)              | 1.32               | (0.80)  |  |
| Poland         | 0.00   |         | 1.14   | (13.19) | (3.48)              | 0.19                | 0.04               | 0.24    |  |
| Qatar          | 0.00   |         | 1.07   | 6.93    | (0.00)              | (0.01)              | (0.00)             | (0.01)  |  |
| Russia         | 0.00   |         | 1.19   | (3.88)  | 0.00                | 0.12                | 0.00               | 0.12    |  |
| South Africa   | 5.94   | (22.74) | 3.98   | (27.85) | (7.12)              | (0.38)              | 0.18               | (0.20)  |  |
| Taiwan         | 17.28  | 18.09   | 22.35  | 18.75   | 6.64                | (0.38)              | (0.28)             | (0.65)  |  |
| Thailand       | 1.20   | (38.14) | 3.76   | (14.56) | (3.13)              | 0.40                | (0.31)             | 0.09    |  |
| Turkey         | 0.00   |         | 1.26   | (12.02) | (0.00)              | 0.19                | 0.00               | 0.19    |  |
| JAE            | 2.77   | 1.13    | 0.61   | (13.03) | (0.01)              | (0.42)              | 0.45               | 0.03    |  |
| Pakistan       | 0.86   | 82.71   | 0.57   | 10.94   | (2.99)              | 0.01                | 0.40               | 0.40    |  |
| Other          | 4.23   | (30.06) | 0.00   | 0.00    | 0.00                | 0.04                | (1.92)             | (1.88)  |  |
| Argentina      | 0.00   |         | 0.72   | (32.96) | (23.95)             | 0.15                | 0.19               | 0.33    |  |
| Saudi Arabia   | 0.00   |         | 2.66   | 20.94   | (0.00)              | (0.30)              | 0.00               | (0.30)  |  |
| Bangladesh     | 1.59   | (15.52) | 0.00   | 0.00    | 0.00                | (0.05)              | (0.28)             | (0.33)  |  |

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.



### Important Risk Considerations:

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| Currency Risk:<br>Currency Hedging Risk:  | Sub-Funds are invested in securities denominated in different currencies other than the Reference currency. As a result, changes in the value of the Reference Currency compared to other currencies will affect the value in the Reference Currency of any securities denominated in another currency. Hedging currency risks may protect investors against a decrease in the value of the Reference Currency relative to the Hedged Share Class, but it may also preclude investors from benefiting from an increase in the value of such currencies. All costs and gains/losses of hedging transactions are borne by the relevant Hedged Share Classes. |
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| Derivative Risk:                          | Derivative instruments are highly sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset that they are based on. Certain derivatives may result in losses greater than the amount originally invested.  |
| Emerging Markets Risk:                    | The price of emerging market securities is subject to higher risk of price fluctuation due to possible lack of adequate political, economic, legal, trading<br>liquidity structures and relatively lower liquidity.  |
| International Investment<br>Risk:         | Investments on an international basis are subject to uncertainties, including; changes in government policies, taxation, fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, accounting and financial reporting standards, and fluctuations in value due to discrepancy of currency.   |
| Large Shareholder Risk:                   | Investors holding a large portion of issued and outstanding shares of a Sub-Fund are likely to incur transaction costs in case of redemptions.   |
| Liquidity Risk:                           | Under highly volatile markets, securities may not be sold as quickly or easily, which could have an influence on meeting redemption requests on demand.  |
| Market Risk:                              | The market value of a Sub-Fund's investments will fluctuate based on specific company developments, broader equity or fixed-income market conditions, economic and financial conditions.   |
| Shanghai-Hong Kong<br>Stock Connect Risk: | Investments made through Stock Connect may be subject to greater risk factors to comply with Stock Connect rules and counterparty risks with respect to ChinaClear.  |
| Small Cap Risk:                           | Securities of small cap companies are typically traded less frequently and in smaller volumes relative to large cap companies, leading to less stable prices and difficulty to trade.  |

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