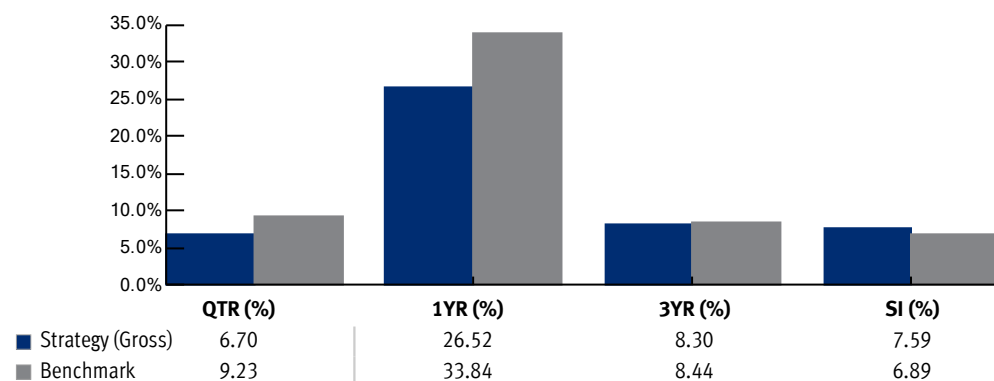


# RBC Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity

## Quarterly Commentary

The Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Strategy returned 6.7% in Q4 2017 versus a 9.2% return for the MSCI EM Small Cap Net Index. The underperformance was a result of stock selection and asset allocation, particularly an underweight in Healthcare as more defensive stocks outperformed in the final quarter of 2017. Chroma (+72bps), the Taiwanese manufacturer of electric vehicle-testing instruments, was the biggest contributor after beating earnings expectations in Q4. The stock price of South Korean firm Loen Entertainment (+37bps) rose after reports of government plans to amend its scheme for music revenue sharing, the primary objective being to offer more revenue to copyright holders such as Loen. Cyient (+34bps) benefitted from an announcement of strong quarterly results. The biggest detractor from returns was Delta Electronics Thailand (-72bps) whose share price declined after its 3Q17 results disappointed the market. Aaramex (-59bps), the Middle Eastern courier company missed consensus expectations due to unfavourable currency movements in Egypt and India and not owning Sillajen (-39bps) also detracted.

## Investment Performance



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, Bloomberg, FactSet, Rimes

Returns include the reinvestment of all income. All returns for periods greater than one year are shown on an annualised basis.

Inception of the performance record is 1.7.13. Performance is presented as supplemental to the "GIPS® Compliant Presentation" which contains additional information regarding calculation of performance data.

## Portfolio Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

	Strategy	Benchmark
EBITDA Margin (ex Financials)	15.6%	11.7%
ROE (Trailing 12 mos)	11.5%	6.7%
Weighted Avg Market Cap	\$2.2bn	\$1.5bn
12-Month Turnover	23.2%	-
Active Share	96.9%	-
<b>Market Cap Distribution</b>		
< \$1 billion	22.4%	37.5%
\$1 - \$2 billion	34.2%	38.1%
\$2 - \$3 billion	17.6%	16.6%
\$3 - \$4 billion	15.6%	4.8%
> \$4 billion	10.2%	2.9%

## Top Ten Holdings<sup>1</sup>

Company Name	Country	Strategy (%)
Cyient	India	4.5
Godrej Industries	India	3.1
Bajaj Holdings & Investment	India	2.9
TI Financial Holdings	India	2.7
Delta Electronics	Thailand	2.7
Marico	India	2.7
Wistron NeWeb	Taiwan	2.6
AEON Thana Sinsap	Thailand	2.6
Inversiones Aguas	Chile	2.6
Metropolitanas		
Sundaram Finance	India	2.5

## Risk Characteristics

3 Years Through 31.12.17

	Alpha (%)	Beta	Standard Deviation (%)	R-Squared (%)	Upside Capture (%)	Downside Capture (%)	Sharpe Ratio
Strategy (Gross)	2.6	0.7	10.8	77.2	70.5	69.9	0.7
Benchmark	-	-	14.4	-	-	-	0.6

## Strategy Overview

- \$418 million Assets Under Management
- Inception: July 2013
- Benchmark: MSCI EM Small Cap Net Index
- Vehicles: Segregated Account, SICAV (ISIN: LU1217269809), US '40 Act, Canadian Mutual Fund

## Investment Philosophy & Style

- High cash flow return on investment produces strong long-term returns
- Quality and growth at a reasonable price
- Fundamental research-focused approach drives decision making, ESG focus

## Investment Process

- Distinctive top-down thematic research (20 - 40% of expected contribution)
- In-depth and rigorous company-level research drives security selection (60 - 80% expected contribution)
- ESG analysis embedded in investment process

## Portfolio Construction

- High conviction portfolio: typically 50 - 60 holdings
- Majority of returns sought from stock selection
- Maximum in a single security: 5%
- Tracking error of 3 - 8%
- Low portfolio turnover: 30 - 50%

## Investment Team \*

**Philippe Langham**, Head of RBC Emerging Markets Equity, Senior Portfolio Manager  
Industry Experience: 25 years

**Laurence Bensafi, CFA**, Deputy Head of RBC Emerging Markets Equity  
Industry Experience: 17 years

**Guido Giammattei**, Head of Research, Portfolio Manager  
Industry Experience: 19 years

**Veronique Erb**, Portfolio Manager  
Industry Experience: 17 years

**Zeena Dahdaleh, CFA**, Portfolio Manager  
Industry Experience: 10 years

**Richard Farrell, CFA**, Portfolio Manager  
Industry Experience: 10 years

**Christoffer Enemaerke, CFA**, Portfolio Manager<sup>a</sup>  
Industry Experience: 7 years

**Ashna Yarashi**, Associate Portfolio Manager<sup>b</sup>  
Industry Experience: 5 years

\* As at 30.06.2017

<sup>a</sup> As at 01.01.2018

<sup>b</sup> As at 01.11.2017

## About RBC Global Asset Management

- Over \$335 billion Assets Under Management
- Offices in North America, Europe and Asia
- Over 300 investment professionals globally
- Part of Royal Bank of Canada, one of the highest rated, largest and safest banks in the world\*

\*Ratings: S&P: AA-, Moody's: A1 (Bloomberg, 31.12.2017). Ranked 5th largest bank in North America and 10th globally based on market capitalisation (Bloomberg, 31.12.2017).

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<sup>1</sup>Supplemental information complements the RBC Emerging Markets Small Cap Equity Composite presentation as provided in the "GIPS® Compliant Presentation". The information presented is derived from the representative account of the strategy. The representative account is the account in the composite that most closely reflects the current portfolio management style for the strategy.

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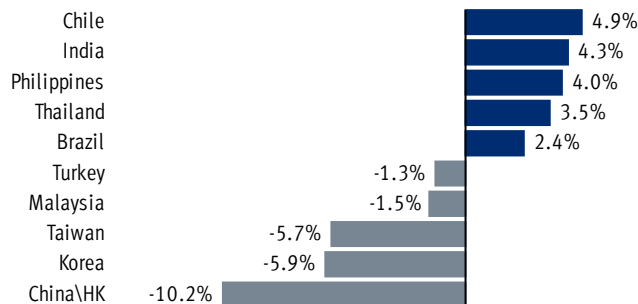
## Top Ten Benchmark Countries<sup>1</sup>

Country	Strategy (%)
India	19.4
Taiwan	11.6
Korea	10.7
China\HK	9.4
Brazil	7.8
Thailand	7.2
Chile	6.2
South Africa	6.0
Philippines	4.9
Mexico	2.9

## Sector Allocation<sup>1</sup>

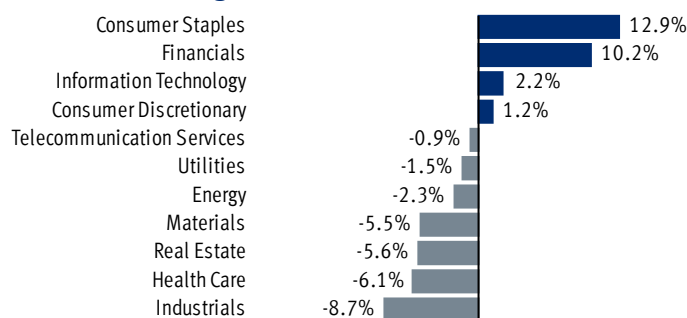
	Strategy (%)
Consumer Staples	19.7
Financials	19.1
Information Technology	18.7
Consumer Discretionary	17.8
Materials	6.6
Industrials	5.7
Real Estate	3.2
Health Care	2.8
Utilities	2.6
Cash	4.0

## Relative Weights for Benchmark Countries<sup>1</sup>



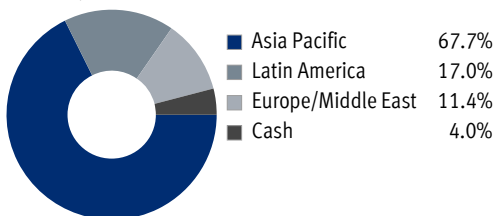
Top and bottom 5 relative weights for benchmark countries. Hong Kong is included as part of the overall China allocation although Hong Kong is not an official MSCI EM index constituent.

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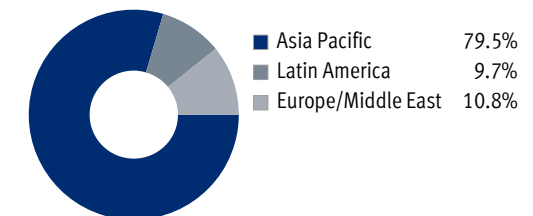


## Regional Breakdown<sup>1</sup>

### Strategy



### Benchmark



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# GIPS® Compliant Presentation, as at December 31, 2017

## RBC GAM Emerging Markets Equity - Small Cap (USD)

Inception Date: July 1, 2013

Benchmark: MSCI Emerging Markets Small-Cap Total Return Net Index

Currency: USD

### Annual Returns

Year End	Composite Gross Return (%)	Composite Net Return (%)	Benchmark Return (%)	Composite 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Benchmark 3-Yr St Dev (%)	Number of Portfolios	Internal Dispersion (%)	Composite Assets (millions)	Firm Assets (millions)
2013/07 - 2013/12	1.65	1.06	4.79	n/a	n/a	1	-	59.6	296,003.0
2014	7.63	6.40	1.01	n/a	n/a	2	1.15	178.4	302,064.4
2015	-5.77	-6.85	-6.85	n/a	n/a	3	0.87	242.6	276,979.3
2016	6.56	5.35	2.28	11.44	14.33	3	0.24	302.7	289,538.6
2017	26.52	25.07	33.84	10.84	14.36	3	0.39	418.3	331,885.2

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**Composite Description:** The Emerging Market Equity - Small Cap (USD) Composite includes all portfolios that invest in emerging markets equities of small-cap companies managed by RBC GAM directly.

**Benchmark:** The benchmark is the MSCI Emerging Market Small-Cap (net of taxes) index. The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of emerging markets with a focus on small market capitalization companies. Index returns are provided for comparison purposes to represent the investment environment existing during the time periods shown. An index is fully invested, includes the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains, but does not include any transaction costs, management fees, or other costs. Holdings of each separately managed account in a composite will differ from the index. An investor may not invest directly in an index.

**Gross of Fees:** Gross of fees performance is presented gross of all fees, but after all trading expenses. Returns are presented net of withholding taxes on dividends, interest income and capital gains where applicable.

**Net of Fees:** Net of fee performance is calculated using the maximum stated annual fee of 1.15% calculated and applied monthly.

**Performance Calculations:** Results are based on all fully discretionary accounts meeting the composite definition, including those accounts no longer with the firm. Returns are shown in U.S. Dollars, and include the reinvestment of all income. Performance shown for the Emerging Markets Equity Small Cap Composite is based on information generated by RBC Global Asset Management's internal performance systems, which may differ from the performance shown in official books and records of certain investment funds which form a part of the composite. Official books and records for certain investment funds which form a part of the composite include the impact of a fair value for market timing that is applied to certain securities as of the close of trading for the fund. For the purposes of calculating the Emerging Markets Equity Small Cap Composite, we prepare a separate performance stream for such funds that eliminates the impact of this fair value adjustment. This second performance stream is used to calculate performance of the composite in an effort to better align the methodology for calculating composite performance with the methodology applied to calculate the benchmark. Additional information regarding policies for valuing portfolios, calculating performance, and preparing presentations is available upon request. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

**Composite Dispersion:** The composite dispersion of annual returns is indicated by the performance of individual accounts representing the equal weighted standard deviation of returns. Dispersion of returns is calculated for portfolios included in the composite for the full year.

**3-Year Standard Deviation:** Periods with less than 3 years of data will show "n/a".

**Derivatives, Leverage and Short Positions:** The portfolios may use derivatives for hedging purposes, and may also use derivatives such as options, futures, forwards and swaps for non-hedging purposes as a substitute for direct investment, as long as the portfolio's use of derivatives is consistent with its investment objectives. Currency hedging is used primarily as a risk management tool to limit the volatility of portfolio returns and may be used tactically to enhance returns. Currency hedge ratios can range between 0-100%, depending on asset class and mandate. No leverage has been used in any of the portfolios contained in the composite.

**Fee Schedule:** The management fee schedule is as follows: For U.S. clients: 1.15% for the first US\$50mm, 1.05% on the next US\$50mm, and 1.00% for all assets over US\$100m. Advisory fees are described on this page and on Form ADV Part 2A. RBC GAM reserves the right to negotiate all advisory fees.

**Minimum Account Size:** Currently there is no minimum account size in order to be included in this composite.

**Creation Date:** This composite was created on July 1, 2013 and has an inception date of July 1, 2013.

**Composite History:** Starting Q1 2015, Composite returns prior to 2014 have been updated to capture a calculation methodology change to be gross of all fees, but after all trading expenses; previously returns were before management fees, but after administrative fees and all trading expenses.

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