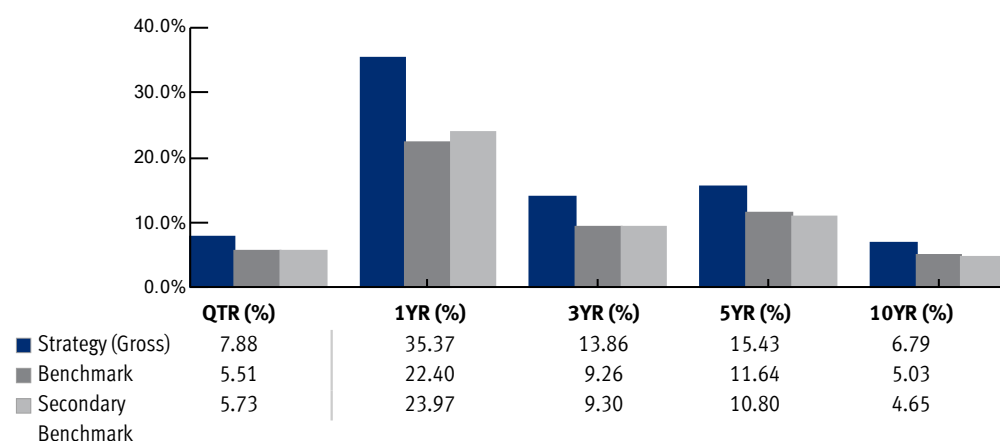


RBC Global Equity

Quarterly Commentary

The RBC Global Equity Strategy returned 7.9% in Q4 2017 versus a 5.5% return for the MSCI World Net Index, an outperformance of 2.3% (geometric basis). South African media conglomerate, Naspers, (+72bps) was the quarter's biggest contributor as it benefitted from strong performance from its stake in Chinese internet company Tencent. U.S. cosmetics firm Estee Lauder (+49bps) reported good results in 2017 and its business is performing well in Asia. U.S. financial SVB (+40bps) did well against a backdrop of economic optimism, interest rate rises and tax reforms. U.S. bank First Republic (-86bps) was the biggest detractor as it suffered from a rise in costs and competition which had a negative impact on earnings. Global brewer, AB InBev (-32bps) suffered from a slight fall in U.S. beer volumes and supply disruptions in the U.S. after the summer's storms. Anglo-Dutch consumer company Unilever (-30bps) also detracted after its 3Q sales missed estimates and the company's spreads division was sold.

Investment Performance



Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Benchmark = MSCI World Net Index, Secondary Benchmark = MSCI ACWI Net Index

Source: RBC Global Asset Management, Bloomberg, 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 1.9.06. Performance is presented as supplemental to the "GIPS® Compliant Presentation" which contains additional information regarding calculation of performance data.

Portfolio Characteristics¹

	Strategy	Benchmark
Fundamental data		
Sales Growth	18.8%	9.7%
Net Profit Margin	14.2%	14.2%
Asset Turnover	71.9%	60.8%
Debt to Equity	0.8	1.2
ROE (T1Y)	16.1%	11.5%
ROA (T1Y)	2.9%	1.8%
Market data		
P/E (F1Y)	21.7	16.9
FCF Yield (ex-Financials)	3.5%	4.3%
Weighted Average Market Cap	\$127.7bn	\$136.3bn
Active Share	92.0%	-
12-Month Turnover	35.2%	-

Top Ten Holdings¹

Company Name	Country	Strategy (%)
EOG Resources	United States	4.8
UnitedHealth	United States	4.6
Roche	Switzerland	4.6
Estee Lauder	United States	4.5
Nidec	Japan	4.4
HDFC Bank	India	4.3
Fortive	United States	3.9
TJX	United States	3.7
Deutsche Post	Germany	3.6
First Republic Bank	United States	3.5

Strategy Overview

- \$2,806 million Assets Under Management
- Inception: September 2006
- Benchmarks: MSCI World Net Index, MSCI ACWI Net Index
- Vehicles: Separate Account, SICAV (ISIN: LU1096671539), US '40 Act, US 3C7, Canadian Mutual Fund

Investment Philosophy & Style

- Businesses with strong competitive dynamics generate considerable economic value over the long-term - poor businesses destroy it
- Owning over-priced stocks puts capital at risk
- Differentiated source of alpha with very low correlation to style-driven managers and peer group

Investment Process

- Identify competitive businesses with growth opportunities
- Conviction-based strategy aims to deliver predictable and consistent risk-adjusted returns
- Embedded risk management process dedicated to monitoring and managing risk
- Integrated ESG factors to identify long term risks to financial sustainability

Portfolio Construction

- High conviction portfolio: typically 35 - 45 holdings
- Majority of returns sought from stock selection
- Maximum in a single security: 7.5%
- Sector exposure +/- 10% versus benchmark
- Country exposure +/- 10% versus benchmark (expect U.S. +/- 15%)

Investment Team

Habib Subjally, Head of RBC Global Equity
Investment Experience: 24 years

12 industry specialists

Average Industry Experience: over 18 years

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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¹Supplemental information complements the RBC Global 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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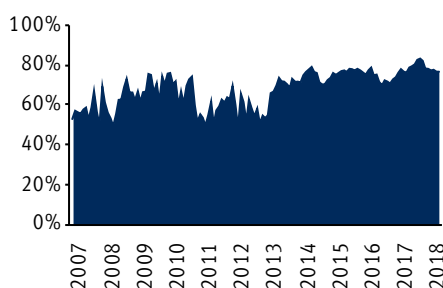
Region Allocation¹

	Strategy (%)	Benchmark (%)
North America	56.8	63.0
Europe/Middle East	24.3	23.7
Emerging Markets	10.5	0.0
Asia Pacific	7.1	13.4
Cash	1.5	0.0

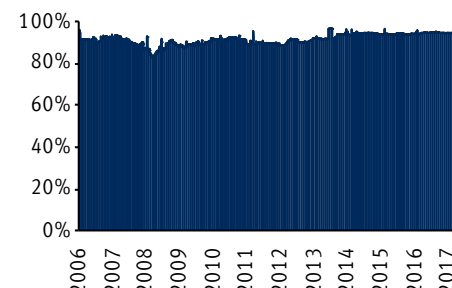
Sector Allocation¹

	Strategy (%)
Financials	21.7
Information Technology	16.9
Consumer Discretionary	15.6
Health Care	12.5
Industrials	11.9
Consumer Staples	10.7
Energy	5.8
Materials	1.9
Utilities	1.6
Cash	1.5

Total Risk from Stock Specific Sources¹

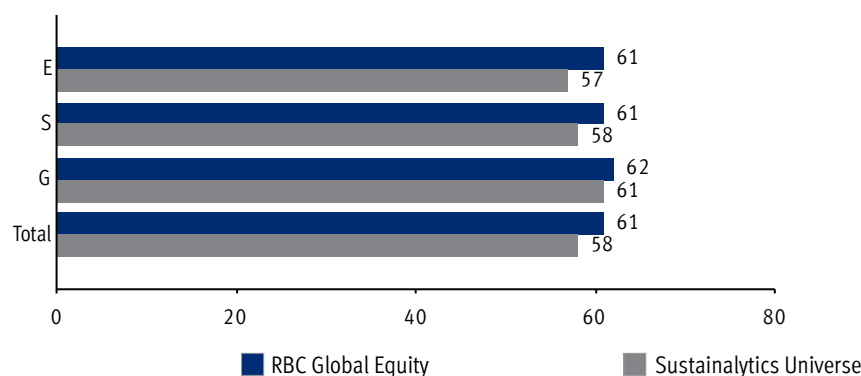


Active Share¹



Source: RBC, MSCI, Northfield, UBS PAS, Citigram, Axioma.

Environmental, Social & Governance Credentials



Sustainalytics scores these companies on a scale out of 100. The un-weighted average score of holdings in the RBC Global Equity strategy compared to the Sustainalytics coverage universe.

Proxy Voting Record 12 Months Ending 12/2017

With Management	Against	Total
91%	9%	100%

GIPS® Compliant Presentation, as at December 31, 2017

RBC GAM Global Equity - Concentrated (USD)

Inception Date: September 1, 2006

Benchmark: MSCI World 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)
2008	-40.29	-40.70	-40.71	n/a	n/a	2	-	83.3	164,090.1
2009	28.83	27.93	29.99	21.66	21.40	2	0.09	109.4	228,136.6
2010	9.46	8.69	11.76	23.91	23.72	2	0.11	101.5	252,397.6
2011	-3.00	-3.68	-5.54	20.47	20.15	3	0.07	613.7	244,857.4
2012	15.27	14.46	15.83	17.98	16.74	3	2.33	609.3	279,416.3
2013	29.68	28.78	26.68	14.15	13.54	2	1.37	111.5	296,003.0
2014	7.03	6.28	4.94	10.28	10.23	3	-	1,004.6	302,064.4
2015	4.79	4.06	-0.87	10.34	10.80	4	0.31	1,401.2	276,979.3
2016	4.06	3.34	7.51	10.92	10.92	4	0.22	1,801.6	289,538.6
2017	35.37	34.42	22.40	10.59	10.23	4	0.38	2,806.1	331,885.2

Description of the Firm: For the purposes of Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®), RBC Global Asset Management is the asset management division of Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), operating under the following brands: RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM) in Canada, the U.S. (institutional), the U.K. and Hong Kong; Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management (institutional); and BlueBay Asset Management (institutional). With offices around the world, RBC GAM offers a full range of global investment solutions in cash management and fixed income, equity, balanced, alternative and specialty investment strategies through mutual funds, hedge funds, pooled funds and separately managed accounts. The RBC GAM group of companies has more than C\$417 billion (US\$331 billion) in assets under management as at December 31, 2017. RBC purchased Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management, including the assets of BonaVista Asset Management, on May 1, 2008, and BlueBay Asset Management on December 17, 2010. A complete list and description of the firm's composites and performance results is available upon request.

Compliance Statement: RBC GAM claims compliance with the Global Investment Performance Standards (GIPS®) and has prepared and presented this report in compliance with the GIPS® standards. RBC GAM has been independently verified for the periods January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2016. Verification assesses whether (1) the firm has complied with all the composite construction requirements of the GIPS® standards on a firm-wide basis and (2) the firm's policies and procedures are designed to calculate and present performance in compliance with the GIPS® standards. The Global Equity - Concentrated (USD) composite has been examined for the periods September 1, 2006 - December 31, 2016. The verification and performance examination reports are available upon request.

Composite Description: The Global Equity - Concentrated (USD) Composite is defined as consisting of those mandates that have exposure primarily in stocks of all the developed markets in the world, with high alpha concentration. Funds may also invest between 20 - 30% of their assets in Emerging Markets.

Benchmark: The primary benchmark for the composite is the MSCI World (net of withholding taxes) - a free-float weighted equity index. The index is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets across the world. The MSCI All Country World Index (net of withholding taxes) - a free-float weighted equity index is also used as a secondary benchmark.

Gross of Fees: Performance total returns have been calculated before management fees & expenses and after all trading commissions. Returns are calculated net of non-reclaimable taxes on dividends, interest, and capital gains. Reclaimable withholding taxes have been accrued.

Net of Fees: Net of fee performance is calculated using the maximum stated annual fee of 0.70% 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 Global Equity- Concentrated Composite is based on information generated by RBC Global Asset Management's internal performance systems starting February 1, 2014, 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 Global Equity - Concentrated 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 use of hedging or leverage has not been used in the management of any funds within the composite.

Cash Flow Policy: For all periods from January 1, 2010 - January 31, 2014, the composite has had in place a significant cash flow policy whereby a portfolio will be removed from the composite if the cash flow is 10% or more of a portfolio's [or fund's] value. The firm has determined that an external cash flow of 10% or more may temporarily prevent the firm from implementing the intended investment strategy; thereby the fund is no longer representative of the composite strategy.

Fee Schedule: The management fee schedule is as follows: 0.70% for the first US\$50m, 0.60% on the next US\$50m, and 0.55% 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: There is currently no minimum account size for inclusion in this composite.

Creation Date: This composite was created on February 1, 2014, with a data inception of September 1, 2006.

Composite History: Performance for the periods September 1, 2006 - January 31, 2014 was achieved while under employment at First State Investments. Past performance has been linked to the on-going performance of the RBC GAM Global Equity Concentrated Composite starting January 1, 2014. While at First State the composite was called the FSI High Alpha Concentrated Composite.

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