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RBC Select Portfolios

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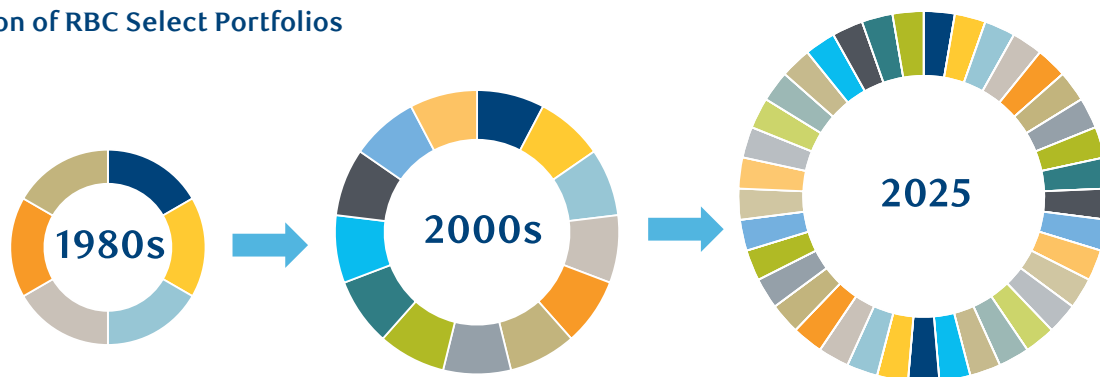
How RBC GAM's growth has shaped your portfolio

At RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM), we are constantly evolving to deliver choice and value to investors. Over the years, we have expanded our investment capabilities globally in both fixed income and equities. We have also added new alternative asset class offerings in real estate and infrastructure.

This evolution has played out in your portfolio, too. Today's RBC Select Portfolios are more sophisticated, with broader diversification, deeper local expertise in global markets, and a larger toolkit for the day-to-day management of your portfolio. We've also integrated new technologies and advanced risk management tools into our investment process to provide innovative, data-driven insights for your portfolio.

In this edition of Insights, we highlight some of the key milestones of the last 25 years at RBC GAM and look at how this growth has contributed to providing truly diversified portfolios to help you meet your investment goals.

The evolution of RBC Select Portfolios



The number of underlying strategies shown are for RBC Select Balanced Portfolio. This number ranges from 23 - 37 across the various risk profiles.



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Broadening our capabilities to improve your investment experience

RBC GAM has been on a journey of continuous evolution. Each milestone has contributed to how we construct and actively manage your portfolio. Here are a few highlights that have contributed to your portfolio's sophisticated approach to asset allocation and diversification.

2002

New CIO

Global Chief Investment Officer (CIO) Dan Chornous joins the firm. He sets a plan in motion to expand RBC GAM globally, establishing new capabilities across multiple asset classes, all unified under a single investment philosophy.



2008

PH&N acquisition

RBC GAM's acquisition of Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management Ltd. (PH&N) expands our lineup of strategies in both fixed income and equities, offering your portfolio more options for diversification.



2010

BlueBay acquisition

We acquire UK-based firm BlueBay Asset Management LLP, adding specialized global fixed income expertise. This leads to the addition of BlueBay Funds covering European high yield bonds, global bonds, and alternative fixed income strategies to RBC Select Portfolios.



2013

Asian equity expansion

The RBC Asian Equity Team adds a team of 11 experienced professionals in our Hong Kong office. This leads to the addition of a second Asian equity fund to RBC Select Portfolios.



2018

Private Markets addition

The RBC GAM Private Markets Team is established, introducing new opportunities for diversification. This begins with RBC Canadian Core Real Estate Fund, a component of RBC Select Portfolios.



2007

New European equity leadership

New leadership begins on the RBC European Equity Team, focusing on strengthening and expanding your direct access to the second largest single market in the world.



2009

New leadership for Portfolio Solutions | Emerging Markets equity addition

Sarah Riopelle becomes the Portfolio Manager for RBC Select Portfolios.

We expand our emerging market equity capabilities in our UK office, leading to the addition of RBC Emerging Markets Equity Fund to RBC Select Portfolios the following year.



2011

Quantitative capabilities

The RBC Quantitative Investments Team is formed, bringing a systematic approach to investing that combines human and machine. Two quantitative equity funds are later added to RBC Select Portfolios in 2014 that seek to deliver consistent positive returns with low volatility over the long term.



2014

Global equity expansion

Our RBC Global Equity Team joins RBC GAM in our London office. RBC Global Equity Focus Fund is added to RBC Select Portfolios later this year, expanding your portfolio's global reach.



2023

Infrastructure fund launches

With the RBC GAM Global Infrastructure Team being established in 2022, the RBC Global Infrastructure Fund LP is introduced and added to RBC Select Portfolios. This increases diversification through exposure to real assets such as toll roads and airports.



The evolution of RBC GAM has shaped today's RBC Select Portfolios:



Equities

Over the past 25 years, RBC Select Portfolios

have added new regions and sub-asset classes to globalize their equity exposure. This gives you greater diversification and local expertise with equity teams around the world contributing to your portfolio.



Bonds

The additions and expansions of the RBC

Global Fixed Income & Currencies Team, PH&N Fixed Income Team, and BlueBay Fixed Income Team has broadened your portfolio's fixed income breadth. These teams cover everything from government, emerging market, high yield bonds and more, diversifying your fixed income exposure.



New asset classes

Through BlueBay Global Alternative Bond Fund,

RBC Canadian Core Real Estate Fund, and RBC Global Infrastructure Fund LP, your portfolio includes exposure to alternative investments. Alternatives are less correlated to traditional asset classes like stocks and bonds. These investments further enhance diversification of your portfolio for today's changing markets.

Our evolution as an asset manager is key to the increasing sophistication of your portfolio as we continue to innovate and advance to capture new opportunities. Learn more about our story at rbcgam.com/ourstory and the evolution of RBC Select Portfolios at rbcgam.com/select.

Underlying fund additions may differ across the various risk profiles in RBC Select Portfolios.

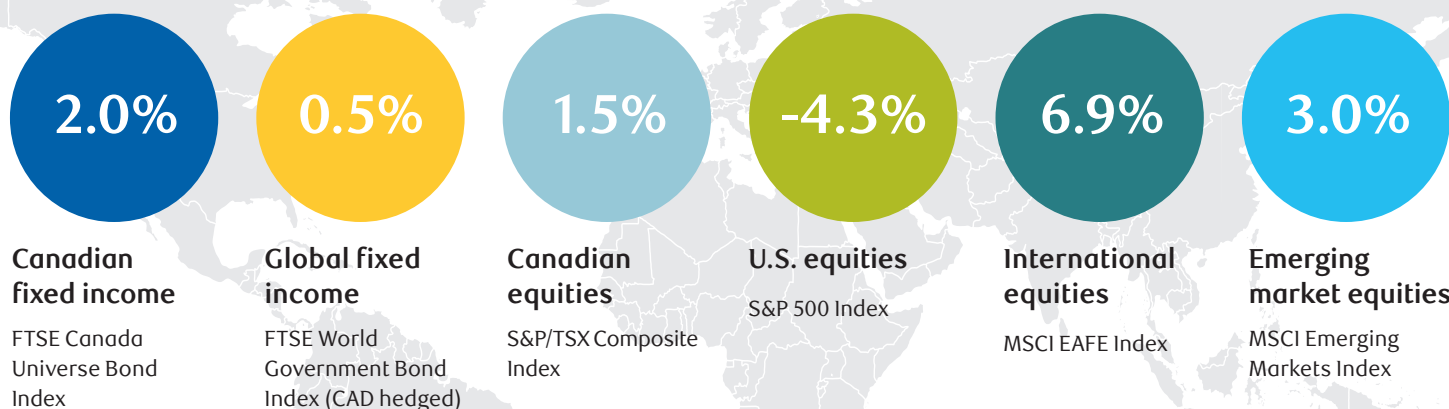


Portfolio manager viewpoint

Sarah Riopelle, CFA, Managing Director, Senior Portfolio Manager & Head of Portfolio Solutions and Platform Talent

Our base case is for the economy to grow at a modest pace, though we recognize that there is significant uncertainty from tariffs. Bonds offer decent return potential and an important ballast against equity-market volatility, especially in this environment. We added 50 basis points to bonds, sourced from cash earlier in the year when the U.S. 10-year yield climbed over 4.60% then reversed that trade after the latest rally. We reduced exposure to North American equities in favour of international and emerging market stocks as valuation risk is concentrated in U.S. equities. Recently, the premium between stocks and bonds improved as market weakness addressed some of the valuation risk. As a result, we added one percentage point to our equity position from cash, moving off neutral to a slight overweight. Volatility will likely remain for some time and we will continue to look for opportunities to adjust our exposures as events unfold.

Markets this quarter*



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* Source: Bloomberg. As of March 31, 2025. All returns are in C\$ except where indicated. Canadian, U.S., International and Emerging Markets index returns are total returns. An investment cannot be made directly into an index. The above does not reflect transaction costs, investment management fees or taxes. If such costs and fees were reflected, returns would be lower. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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