

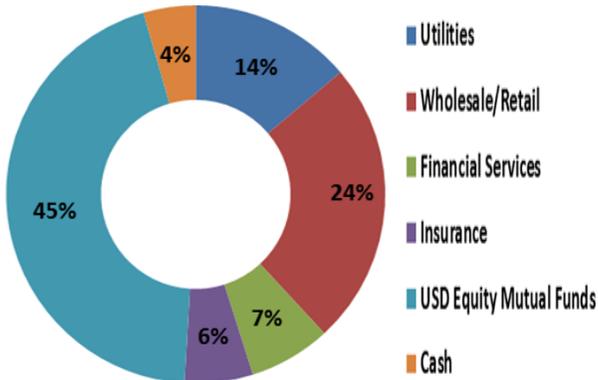
<b>Mar Net Asset Value:</b>	\$0.9058
<b>Assets:</b>	\$0.82M
<b>Inception:</b>	Dec 08

**Performance:**

	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Benchmark*</b>
<b>1 Month</b>	1.42%	0.542%
<b>3 Month</b>	5.87%	1.625%
<b>1 Yr</b>	10.87%	6.5%
<b>5 Yr</b>	7.58%	37.0%

\* Annual rate of return, 6.5%

**Allocation:**



**Top Holdings:**

ROYAL FIDELITY USD INT'L OPPORTUNITIES FUND
EMERA DEPOSIT RECEIPTS
GODDARD ENTERPRISES LIMITED
MASSY HOLDINGS LTD
CABLE AND WIRELESS BARBADOS

*The Strategic Growth Fund is a sub fund of the Royal Fidelity Investment Fund the umbrella company. The asset allocation shown is subject to change without notice and at the discretion of the investment manager, subject to the restrictions outlined in the fund's offering documents. Past performance doesn't guarantee future success.*

# Global equities “love fest,” as fund posts 5.87% Q1 gain

So far, so good! Global equity markets found something to love in the first quarter of 2017, advancing nicely to help the fund post a 5.87% return through March. The S&P 500 posted a Q1 gain of 5.53%, while the MSCI All



Country World Index (ACWI) rose by 6.91%. Even European and Asian equities benefitted, with the MSCI Europe, Asia and Far East (EAFE) and the Eurostoxx 50 Indices gaining 7.90% and 6.39%, respectively. The US elections at the end of 2016 seemed to signal a pro business-growth bias to the markets, and US equities surged more than 5% in the last two months. This sentiment seems to have continued into the new year. Despite two interest rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve in the past six months—which can negatively affect equity prices—the S&P gained 1.79% in January and another 3.72% in February. Emerging Markets once again grabbed the spotlight amid this global equity rise, as the MSCI Emerging Markets index rocketed to a 12.51% return for the quarter. Although only a small allocation within the portfolio (6%), the advance helps regain some of the ground lost since 2015, when the Index lost more than 18%.



Local market movers for the quarter were Goddard, ICBL, FCIB and Sagikor that all saw double digit returns (27.86%, 23.05%, 20% and 19% respectively). We believe the move by the BSE in February to no longer utilize trading limits to determine the share price and instead use the Volume Weighted Average Price (VWAP) methodology has had a positive impact on trading.

The fund maintains an increasingly diversified portfolio of local and international equities, including the US, Europe, Asia and Emerging Markets. ♦

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