

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund (the Fund), which comprise the statement of financial position as of 30 June 2023, and the statements of comprehensive loss, changes in net assets attributable to holders of Class C redeemable participating shares and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of 30 June 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (“ISAs”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board of Accountants’ (“IESBA”) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Fund’s financial reporting process.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

To the Shareholders of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

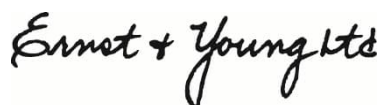
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with Management and the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other Matter

This report is made solely to the Fund's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 32 of the Mutual Funds Act, 2002 of Barbados. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



Barbados
5 October 2023

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund
(Established under the laws of Barbados)

Statement of Financial Position
As of 30 June 2023
(Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
ASSETS		
Cash at bank [Note 5(e)]	194,788	4,936
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss [Note 3]	10,129,012	10,106,075
Redemptions paid in advance	-	77,084
Other assets	-	41,496
Total assets	10,323,800	10,229,591
LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions received in advance	197,988	230,672
Management fee payable [Note 5(a)]	11,017	10,909
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	27,679	93,008
Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of Class C redeemable participating shares)	236,684	334,589
Net assets attributable to holders of Class C redeemable participating shares [Note 4]	10,087,116	9,895,002

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:



Director



Director

5 October 2023

Date

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Statement of Comprehensive Loss For the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Net change in unrealized depreciation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss [Note 3]	(6,995)	(910,181)
Net realized gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss [Note 3]	51,776	-
Total investment income/ (expense)	44,781	(910,181)
EXPENSES		
Management fee [Note 5(a)]	129,387	275,939
Audit fees	10,019	8,994
Other	22,256	22,899
Total expenses	161,662	307,832
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of Class C redeemable participating shares	(116,881)	(1,218,013)
Attributable to:		
Series C1 redeemable participating shares	(89,811)	(787,056)
Series C3 redeemable participating shares	(27,070)	(430,957)
	(116,881)	(1,218,013)
Decrease in net assets per redeemable participating share [Note 6]		
Series C1 redeemable participating shares	(0.01)	(0.12)
Series C3 redeemable participating shares	(0.01)	(0.13)

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RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Class C Redeemable Participating Shares For the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023		2022	
	Number of Shares	\$	Number of Shares	\$
Series C1 Shares				
Balance as of the beginning of the year	6,312,252	6,342,842	4,517,709	5,101,357
Subscriptions	240,563	239,055	1,927,872	2,176,262
Redemptions	(269,071)	(268,151)	(133,329)	(147,721)
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of Series C1 shares	-	(89,811)	-	(787,056)
Balance as of the end of the year	<u>6,283,744</u>	<u>6,223,935</u>	<u>6,312,252</u>	<u>6,342,842</u>
Net asset value per share: \$0.99 (2022: \$1.00)				
Series C3 shares				
Balance as of the beginning of the year	3,401,744	3,552,160	2,979,127	3,483,418
Subscriptions	529,122	545,018	640,008	735,378
Redemptions	(200,827)	(206,927)	(217,391)	(235,679)
Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of Series C3 shares	-	(27,070)	-	(430,957)
Balance as of the end of the year	<u>3,730,039</u>	<u>3,863,181</u>	<u>3,401,744</u>	<u>3,552,160</u>
Net asset value per share: \$1.04 (2022: \$1.04)				
Total net assets attributable to holders of Class C redeemable participating shares		<u>10,087,116</u>		<u>9,895,002</u>

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RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(334,688)	(2,411,932)
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	356,532	-
Payment of expenses	(150,049)	(301,548)
Net cash used in operating activities	(128,205)	(2,713,480)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from subscriptions of Class C redeemable participating shares	792,885	3,060,851
Payments for redemptions of Class C redeemable participating shares	(474,828)	(360,349)
Net cash from financing activities	318,057	2,700,502
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	189,852	(12,978)
Cash and cash equivalents as of the beginning of the year	4,936	17,914
Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the year	194,788	4,936
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	194,788	4,936
	194,788	4,936

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RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

1. General Information

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund (the Fund) is a sub fund of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited (the Umbrella Fund), which is incorporated under the Companies Act, 1982 of Barbados and is licensed as a mutual fund under the Mutual Funds Act, 2002.

The Fund is an open-end investment vehicle, which issues Class C redeemable participating shares divided into three (3) series of shares, namely Series C1, C2 and C3 [Note 4]. The investment objective of the Fund is to provide a high rate of return through income yield and long term capital appreciation, which it achieves by investing in RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund, an investment holding vehicle of the Umbrella Fund, that invests in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of entities domiciled principally in the Caribbean, including investment funds invested in such equity securities.

The Fund's Class C redeemable participating shares are listed for informational purposes, but not traded, on the Barbados Stock Exchange (BSE), and the registered office of the Umbrella Fund is located at Fidelity House, 27 Pine Road, St. Michael, Barbados. The Fund's activities are managed entirely by service providers [Note 5].

Other sub funds exist under the Umbrella Fund, and individual financial statements are prepared for each sub fund that can be obtained from the registered office of the Umbrella Fund.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 2(e).

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Fund

Standards and amendments and interpretations to published standards that became effective for the Fund's financial year beginning on 1 July 2022 were either not relevant or not significant to the Fund's operations and accordingly did not have a material impact on the Fund's accounting policies or financial statements.

Standards issued but not yet effective

The application of new standards and amendments and interpretations to existing standards that have been published but are not yet effective are not expected to have a material impact on the Fund's accounting policies or financial statements in the financial period of initial application.

(b) Investment entity

The Fund meets the definition of an investment entity defined in IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and IAS 28 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* as it obtains funds from investors for the purposes of providing investment management services. Its business purpose, as set out in its offering documents, is to invest for returns from investment income and capital appreciation; and the performance of investments is measured and evaluated on a fair value basis. Further, the Fund effects multiple investments through its holdings in RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund.

IFRS 10 provides an exception to consolidation and equity method requirements for investment entities, with investment entities required to recognize investments in subsidiaries and associates at fair value through profit or loss. Accordingly, investments in subsidiaries and associates are recognized as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and measured in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 2(e). These financial statements are the only financial statements presented by the Fund.

(c) Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Barbados dollars, which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency.

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing as of the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. Translation differences on financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss are included as a part of the fair value gains and losses.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise demand deposits with banks, other short-term highly liquid financial assets with original contractual maturities of three (3) months or less and drawn-down margin credit facilities provided by banks.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(e) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Classification and measurement of financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). The classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets is determined based on the Fund's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

The business model assessment is that the Fund's financial assets are not held solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the financial assets or to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of financial assets. As neither of these are applicable, because the financial assets are held for trading purposes, then the financial assets are classified as part of the 'other' IFRS 9 business model and measured at FVTPL consistent with the comparative period.

The business model represents the Fund's objectives in managing financial assets. Factors considered by the Fund in determining the business model for a group of financial assets include: past experience regarding the manner in which the cash flows for the financial assets were collected; the manner in which the performance of financial assets is evaluated and reported to key management personnel; and the approach to assessing and managing risks associated with the financial assets; and where applicable, the compensation structure for personnel involved in the processes surrounding the financial assets.

Initial recognition and measurement

The Fund measures financial assets at their fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred.

Reclassification

Financial assets are reclassified only when the business model for the relevant class of financial assets, as a whole, changes and such reclassification is prospective and is effective from the first financial period subsequent to the change in business model.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or when the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. If the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, an assessment is made whether the Fund has retained control of the financial assets.

Where the Fund has not retained control, financial assets are derecognized and any rights or obligations retained or created as part of the transaction are recognized as separate assets or liabilities. Alternatively, where the Fund has retained control, the Fund continues to recognize the financial assets to the extent of its continuing involvement in the financial assets.

Gains or losses

Gains or losses arising from sales of financial assets are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income as a part of net income in the financial period in which they arise.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2023
(Expressed in Barbados dollars)
(Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(f) Redeemable participating shares

The Fund issues redeemable participating shares, which are redeemable at the holder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. Redeemable participating shares can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value. The redeemable participating shares are carried at the redemption amount that would be payable as of the date of the statement of financial position if the holders were to exercise the right to put the shares back to the Fund.

Redeemable participating shares are issued and redeemed at the holder's option at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per share at the time of issue or redemption. The Fund's net asset value per share is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares with the total number of outstanding redeemable participating shares.

(g) Income and expense recognition

Interest income and expense are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial asset or a financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts or payments throughout the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability. When calculating the effective interest rate, the Fund estimates cash flows considering all contractual terms of the financial instrument but does not consider future credit losses. The calculation includes all fees and commissions paid or received between parties to the contract that are an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and all other premiums or discounts.

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment has been established.

Other income and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis.

(h) Taxation

The Fund is licensed as an authorized mutual fund under the Mutual Funds Act, 2002 and is therefore not subject to corporate taxes on income derived from its investing activities, as all income is designated to be income of the redeemable participating shareholders. The Fund's operations do not subject it to taxation in any other jurisdiction.

(i) Corresponding figures

Where necessary, corresponding figures are adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current period. There were no such amendments in the financial years presented.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

3. Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

The Fund ranks its financial assets based on the hierarchy of valuation techniques required by IFRS, which is determined based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's market assumptions. These two (2) types of inputs lead to the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The Fund considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the date of the statement of financial position. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from the exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. These instruments are included in Level 1.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

3. Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (Continued)

Financial instruments classified within Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently. Level 3 instruments include unlisted securities that have significant unobservable components, including investment entities.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<i>Level 3</i>		
Investment entity	10,129,012	10,106,075
Total	10,129,012	10,106,075

As of 30 June 2023, the cost of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is \$8,710,666 (2022: \$8,680,734).

Movements in Level 3 securities comprise:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Balance as of the beginning of the year	10,106,075	8,604,324
Purchases	334,688	2,411,932
Sales	(356,532)	-
Net realized gain	51,776	-
Net change in unrealized depreciation	(6,995)	(910,181)
Balance as of the end of the year	10,129,012	10,106,075

Investment entity represents the investment in the shares of Royal Fidelity (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund (the Equity Sub Fund). As of 30 June 2023, the Fund owned 6,569,998 (2022: 6,580,363) shares of the Equity Sub Fund, representing 39.44% (2022: 39.50%) of total outstanding shares.

The financial position and performance of the Equity Sub Fund are disclosed in the attached financial statements.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

4. Share Capital

The authorized share capital of the Fund is unlimited, and currently comprises non-voting Class C redeemable participating shares (redeemable participating shares). Redeemable participating shares fully participate in the profits and losses of the Fund. The Class C redeemable participating shares are divided into three (3) series of shares: C1, C2 and C3, and each were initially issued at \$0.89 per share. Thereafter, the Class C redeemable participating shares are issued on the first business day of each calendar month (dealing date) at the net asset value (NAV) per share as of the close of the last business day of the calendar month that precedes the dealing date (valuation date), net of a sales commission of up to 2.00%. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000 with a minimum subsequent investment of \$250.

Income and expenses (other than expenses attributable to a specific series) are allocated to each series of Class C redeemable participating shares based on their relative NAV. Class C redeemable participating shares may be redeemed at the holder's option, upon giving fifteen (15) days prior written notice, at the NAV per share as of the valuation date less a redemption fee of up to 2.00% for Series C1 and C2 (minimum of \$50); no redemption fee is applicable to Series C3. The redemption fee is determined based on the length of time the shares are outstanding, with a higher fee for the shorter the outstanding period. Partial redemptions are permitted provided that the remaining investment of the shareholder is not less than the minimum initial investment for the applicable series, otherwise the Fund can require full redemption.

As of 30 June 2023, related parties owned 1,245,831 (2022: 1,311,022) Series C1 shares and 3,692,836 (2022: 3,372,198) Series C3 shares.

5. Related Party Balances and Transactions

The Fund does not have employees and its activities are directed and managed by the service providers of the Umbrella Fund, all of which are related parties. Related parties include those entities and individuals that can control or exercise significant influence over the Fund in making financial or operational decisions, and entities that are controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by them.

(a) Investment management

Pursuant to an agreement with the Umbrella Fund dated 24 November 2008, RF Merchant Bank & Trust (Barbados) Limited (the Investment Manager), a bank incorporated and licensed in Barbados, serves as the Fund's investment manager. The Investment Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Fund's investment strategy and has sole responsibility for the investing and reinvesting of the Fund's assets.

The Investment Manager is entitled to a management fee of 1.50%, 1.00% and 1.00% per annum of the NAV of Series C1, Series C2, and Series C3, respectively, payable monthly in arrears.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

5. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

(a) Investment management (continued)

The Investment Manager is also entitled to receive an incentive fee if the performance of the Fund exceeds the target rate set by the Directors from time to time (the benchmark rate), which is set by reference to an equal weighting of the returns of the Barbados Stock Exchange Composite Index and the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All Country World Index. Should the NAV per share on a valuation date exceed the highest NAV per share on a previous valuation date in the last twelve (12) months plus the cumulative benchmark rate for each of the months since that point in time, the Investment Manager is entitled to an incentive fee equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of the excess return. For the purposes of calculating the incentive fee, NAV per share is the amount calculated after deducting management fees and before incentive fee.

The management fee expense during the year totaled \$92,940 and \$36,447 (2022: \$178,246 and \$97,693) for Series C1 and Series C3, respectively, which includes incentive fees of \$Nil (2022: \$Nil) for Series C1 and Series C3, respectively.

(b) Administration

Pursuant to an agreement with the Umbrella Fund dated 24 November 2008, RF Capital Markets (Barbados) Limited (the Administrator), a company incorporated and licensed in Barbados, serves as the Fund's administrator. The Administrator is entitled to an administration fee, which is paid from the management fee. Accordingly, such fees are included in management fee in the statement of comprehensive income.

(c) Custody

Pursuant to an agreement with the Umbrella Fund dated 24 November 2008, Royal Bank of Canada Financial Corporation (the Custodian), a bank incorporated and licensed in Barbados and an affiliate of the Investment Manager, serves as the Fund's primary custodian and escrow agent. The Custodian is entitled to a custodian fee, which is paid from the management fee. Accordingly, such fees are included in management fee in the statement of comprehensive income.

(d) Directors and officers

Certain directors of the Fund are also directors or officers of the Investment Manager (and its subsidiaries) and the Custodian.

(e) Cash at bank and margin credit facility

The Fund has demand deposit accounts with the Investment Manager, which do not earn interest. As of 30 June 2023, the balances totaled \$194,788 (2022: \$4,936). No interest income was earned during the current and prior years.

The Fund has a line of credit of \$500,000 with the Investment Manager, which incurs interest at a rate of 6.00% per annum. The Fund has pledged its financial assets in support of this margin credit facility. As of 30 June 2023, the balance totaled \$Nil (2022: \$Nil). Interest expense incurred on the facility during the year totaled \$Nil (2022: \$Nil).

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

5. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

(f) Other

The Fund has other related party balances and transactions through its investment in the Equity Sub Fund, the financial statements of which are attached.

6. Increase in Net Assets per Redeemable Participating Share

Increase in net assets per redeemable participating share is calculated by dividing the increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares by the weighted average number of redeemable participating shares during the year. The weighted average number of outstanding Series C1 and C3 redeemable participating shares during the year amounted to 6,261,174 and 3,730,037 (2022: 5,984,753 and 3,401,742), respectively.

7. Financial Risk Management

The Fund engages in transactions that expose it to market risk (which includes price, currency and interest rate risks), credit risk and liquidity risk in the normal course of operations. The Fund's financial performance is affected by its ability to understand and effectively manage these risks.

The Fund's Investment Manager is responsible for identifying and managing risks. The Directors monitor the Investment Manager and are ultimately responsible for the overall financial risk management of the Fund.

Monitoring and controlling risks are performed through the establishment of limits by the Directors, which reflect the business strategy, including the level of risk that the Fund is willing to accept and the market environment in which the Fund operates. In addition, the Fund monitors and measures the overall level of risk in relation to the aggregate risk exposure across all risk types and activities.

The Fund invests solely in the Equity Sub Fund that has an investment objective that is consistent with that of the Fund, which results in the Fund being indirectly exposed to market, credit and liquidity risks of the Equity Sub Fund. These risks are disclosed in Note 6 of the attached financial statements of the Equity Sub Fund.

Concentration of risks

Concentration of risk indicates the relative sensitivity of the Fund's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location, and arises: when a significant proportion of financial instruments or contracts are entered into with the same counterparty; or where a significant proportion of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographical region, or that have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentration of currency risk arises when the Fund has a significant net open position in a single foreign currency, or aggregate net open positions in several currencies that are historically positively correlated. Concentration of liquidity risk arises from the repayment terms of financial liabilities, sources of borrowing facilities or reliance on a particular market in which to realize liquid assets.

To mitigate excessive concentration of risk, the Fund's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to maintain appropriate diversification.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements
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(Expressed in Barbados dollars)
(Continued)

7. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Market risk

Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair values and/or amounts realized on sales of financial instruments may fluctuate significantly as a result of changes in market prices. The price risk of the portfolio of financial assets is managed through diversification of the investment portfolio of the Equity Sub Fund. The asset allocation guidelines of the Fund and the Equity Sub Fund are recommended by the Investment Manager and approved by the Directors.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair values and/or amounts realized on sales of financial instruments or the settlement of financial liabilities may fluctuate due to change in foreign exchange rates. The Fund is indirectly exposed to currency risk through its investment in the Equity Sub Fund.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that is entered into with the Fund. The Fund is exposed to credit risk both indirectly through its investment in the Equity Sub Fund, and directly through cash balances and securities held in custody, which are placed with financial institutions in good standing with the relevant regulators.

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they come due. The Fund is exposed to monthly redemptions of Class C redeemable participating shares; however, its financial assets are generally longer term. The Fund can redeem its positions in the Equity Sub Fund on a monthly basis to meet payment obligations, subject to the liquidity risk of the Equity Sub Fund. Further, the Fund can borrow in the short term using its financial assets as collateral.

All financial liabilities are due on demand, however amounts owing to Class C redeemable participating shareholders are not expected to be demanded in the short term as shareholders typically retain such shares for the medium to long term. All financial assets are current, and either due on demand or within one (1) month.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Strategic Growth Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Financial instruments utilized by the Fund comprise the recorded financial assets and liabilities disclosed in the financial statements. The Fund's financial instruments are principally short term in nature, have interest rates that reset to market rates, or are carried at fair value; accordingly, their fair values approximate their carrying values.

Financial instruments, for which the fair value hierarchy is not disclosed, are principally Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

9. Capital Management

The capital of the Fund is represented by the net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares. The amount of net assets attributable to these shareholders can change significantly on a monthly basis, as the Fund is subject to monthly subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the shareholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund:

- monitors the level of monthly subscriptions and redemptions relative to financial assets it expects to be able to liquidate within one (1) month.
- issues new shares and redeems existing shares in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Fund, which include the ability to restrict redemptions and require certain minimum holdings and subscriptions.

The Directors and the Investment Manager monitor capital of the Fund based on the value of net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2023



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund (the Fund), which comprise the statement of financial position as of 30 June 2023, and the statements of comprehensive income/ (loss), changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of 30 June 2023 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (“ISAs”). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants’ (“IESBA”) International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (“IESBA Code”), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and the Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing the Fund’s financial reporting process.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors’ report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (Continued)

To the Shareholders of RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

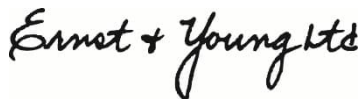
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with Management and the Board of Directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other Matter

This report is made solely to the Fund's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 32 of the Mutual Funds Act, 2002 of Barbados. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Fund's shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Fund and the Fund's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



Barbados
5 October 2023

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund
(Established under the laws of Barbados)

Statement of Financial Position
As of 30 June 2023
(Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash at bank [Note 5(e)]	3,758,455	827,165
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss [Note 3]	25,065,693	25,358,251
Accounts receivable	38,282	197,396
Redemptions paid in advance	-	41,309
Total assets	<u>28,862,430</u>	<u>26,424,121</u>
LIABILITIES		
Subscriptions received in advance	-	171,146
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	<u>607,694</u>	<u>630,033</u>
Liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)	<u>607,694</u>	<u>801,179</u>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares [Note 4]	<u><u>28,254,736</u></u>	<u><u>25,622,942</u></u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SIGNED ON ITS BEHALF BY:



 Director



 Director

5 October 2023

 Date

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Statement of Comprehensive Income/ (Loss) For the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Net change in unrealized depreciation of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(322,018)	(1,982,618)
Dividends	301,065	186,459
Net realized loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	(447,535)
Currency conversion gain	(19,964)	(28,908)
Other income	105,000	102,970
Total investment income/ (loss)	64,083	(2,169,632)
EXPENSES		
Audit fees	21,114	26,437
Other	3,686	9,410
Total expenses	24,800	35,847
Increase/ (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	39,283	(2,205,479)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares For the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023		2022	
	Number of Shares	\$	Number of Shares	\$
Balance as of the beginning of the year	16,657,259	25,622,942	15,949,972	26,613,235
Subscriptions	2,476,088	3,822,778	1,619,217	2,745,262
Redemptions	(806,431)	(1,230,267)	(911,930)	(1,530,076)
Increase/ (decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	-	39,283	-	(2,205,479)
Balance as of the end of the year	<u>18,326,916</u>	<u>28,254,736</u>	<u>16,657,259</u>	<u>25,622,942</u>
Net asset value per share: \$1.54 (2021: \$1.54)				

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(29,460)	(2,637,675)
Proceeds from sales of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	830,323
Currency conversion	(19,964)	-
Dividends received, net of withholding taxes	301,065	186,459
Other income- rebates received	92,968	76,720
Increase in accounts payable	20,128	565,265
Payment of expenses	<u>(25,958)</u>	<u>(33,778)</u>
Net cash from/ (used in) operating activities	<u>338,779</u>	<u>(1,012,686)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from subscriptions of redeemable participating shares	3,822,778	2,745,262
Payments for redemptions of redeemable participating shares	<u>(1,230,267)</u>	<u>(1,530,076)</u>
Net cash from financing activities	<u>2,592,511</u>	<u>1,215,186</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,931,290	202,500
Cash and cash equivalents as of the beginning of the year	<u>827,165</u>	<u>624,665</u>
Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the year	<u><u>3,758,455</u></u>	<u><u>827,165</u></u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash at bank	<u><u>3,758,455</u></u>	<u><u>827,165</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars)

1. General Information

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund (the Fund) is an investment holding vehicle for RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited (the Umbrella Fund), which is incorporated under the Companies Act, 1982 of Barbados and is licensed as a mutual fund under the Mutual Funds Act, 2002.

The Fund's investment objective is to provide a high rate of return through income yield and long term capital appreciation, which it achieves by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities of entities domiciled principally in the Caribbean, including investment funds invested in such equity securities.

The registered office of the Umbrella Fund is located at Fidelity House, 27 Pine Road, St. Michael, Barbados. The Fund's activities are managed entirely by the Umbrella Fund's service providers [Note 5].

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and under the historical cost convention, except as disclosed in the accounting policies below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in the process of applying the Fund's accounting policies. Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in Note 2(e).

New standards, amendments and interpretations adopted by the Fund

Standards and amendments and interpretations to published standards that became effective for the Fund's financial year beginning on 1 July 2022 were either not relevant or not significant to the Fund's operations and accordingly did not have a material impact on the Fund's accounting policies or financial statements.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(a) Basis of preparation (continued)

Standards issued but not yet effective

The application of new standards and amendments and interpretations to existing standards that have been published but are not yet effective are not expected to have a material impact on the Fund's accounting policies or financial statements in the financial period of initial application.

(b) Investment entity

The Fund meets the definition of an investment entity defined in IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements* and IAS 28 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures* as it obtains funds from investors for the purposes of providing investment management services. Its business purpose, as set out in its offering documents, is to invest for returns from investment income and capital appreciation; and the performance of investments is measured and evaluated on a fair value basis. Further, the Fund effects multiple investments through its holdings in equity securities and investment funds.

IFRS 10 provides an exception to consolidation and equity method requirements for investment entities, with investment entities required to recognize investments in subsidiaries and associates at fair value through profit or loss. Accordingly, investments in subsidiaries and associates are recognized as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss and measured in accordance with the accounting policies disclosed in Note 2(e). These financial statements are the only financial statements presented by the Fund.

(c) Foreign currency translation

The financial statements are presented in Barbados dollars (BBD), which is the Fund's functional and presentation currency. The Fund's investment activities are conducted principally in BBD and United States dollars (US\$).

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing as of the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income. Translation differences on financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss are included as a part of the fair value gains and losses.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise demand deposits with banks, other short-term highly liquid financial assets with original contractual maturities of three (3) months or less and drawn-down margin credit facilities provided by banks.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(e) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Classification and measurement of financial assets

The Fund classifies its financial assets as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL). The classification and subsequent measurement of financial assets is determined based on the Fund's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the financial assets.

The business model assessment is that the Fund's financial assets are not held solely to collect the contractual cash flows from the financial assets or to collect both the contractual cash flows and cash flows arising from the sale of financial assets. As neither of these are applicable, because the financial assets are held for trading purposes, then the financial assets are classified as part of the 'other' IFRS 9 business model and measured at FVTPL consistent with the comparative period.

The business model represents the Fund's objectives in managing financial assets. Factors considered by the Fund in determining the business model for a group of financial assets include: past experience regarding the manner in which the cash flows for the financial assets were collected; the manner in which the performance of financial assets is evaluated and reported to key management personnel; and the approach to assessing and managing risks associated with the financial assets; and where applicable, the compensation structure for personnel involved in the processes surrounding the financial assets.

Initial recognition and measurement

The Fund measures financial assets at their fair value. Transaction costs of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are expensed as incurred. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are recognized on the trade date – the date on which the Fund commits to originate, purchase or sell the asset.

Reclassification

Financial assets are reclassified only when the business model for the relevant class of financial assets, as a whole, changes and such reclassification is prospective and is effective from the first financial period subsequent to the change in business model.

Derecognition

Financial assets are derecognized when the contractual rights to receive cash flows from the financial assets have expired or when the Fund has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. If the Fund has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership, an assessment is made whether the Fund has retained control of the financial assets.

Where the Fund has not retained control, financial assets are derecognized and any rights or obligations retained or created as part of the transaction are recognized as separate assets or liabilities. Alternatively, where the Fund has retained control, the Fund continues to recognize the financial assets to the extent of its continuing involvement in the financial assets.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(e) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Gains or losses

Gains or losses arising from sales of financial assets are recognized in the statement of comprehensive income as a part of net income in the financial period in which they arise.

(f) Redeemable participating shares

The Fund issues redeemable participating shares, which are redeemable at the holder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. Redeemable participating shares can be put back to the Fund at any time for cash equal to a proportionate share of the Fund's net asset value. The redeemable participating shares are carried at the redemption amount that would be payable as of the date of the statement of financial position if the holders were to exercise the right to put the shares back to the Fund.

Redeemable participating shares are issued and redeemed at the holder's option at prices based on the Fund's net asset value per share at the time of issue or redemption. The Fund's net asset value per share is calculated by dividing the net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares with the total number of outstanding redeemable participating shares.

(g) Income and expense recognition

Dividend income is recognized when the right to receive payment has been established.

Other income and expenses are recognized on the accrual basis.

(h) Taxation

The Fund is licensed as an authorized mutual fund under the Mutual Funds Act, 2002 and is therefore not subject to corporate taxes on income derived from its investing activities, as all income is designated to be income of the redeemable participating shareholders. The Fund incurs withholding taxes imposed by certain countries on investment income and capital gains for investments domiciled in those countries. Such income and gains are recorded gross of withholding taxes in the statement of comprehensive income, and withholding taxes are shown as a separate line item.

(i) Corresponding figures

Where necessary, corresponding figures are adjusted to conform with changes in presentation in the current period. There were no such amendments in the financial years presented.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

3. Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

The Fund ranks its financial assets based on the hierarchy of valuation techniques required by IFRS, which is determined based on whether the inputs to those valuation techniques are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources; unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's market assumptions. These two (2) types of inputs lead to the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).

Level 3 – Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The Fund considers relevant and observable market prices in its valuations where possible.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a Level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, considering factors specific to the asset.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgment by the Fund. The Fund considers observable data to be that market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets is based on quoted market prices at the date of the statement of financial position. A market is regarded as active if quoted prices are readily and regularly available from the exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis. These instruments are included in Level 1.

Financial instruments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active but are valued based on quoted market prices, dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources supported by observable inputs are classified within Level 2.

Financial instruments classified within Level 3 have significant unobservable inputs, as they trade infrequently. Level 3 instruments include unlisted securities that have significant unobservable components, including investment funds.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

3. Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (Continued)

The table below discloses all securities by class.

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Equity Securities		
<i>Level 1</i>		
Almond Resorts Inc.	-	32,000
BICO Limited	235,635	236,394
Bridgetown Cruise Terminals Inc	-	9,317
Cave Shepherd & Co. Limited	787,500	630,000
First Caribbean International Bank	1,207,887	1,222,529
Goddard Enterprises Ltd.	1,933,681	1,680,079
Going Solar Caribbean Ltd.	170,000	170,000
Insurance Corporation of Barbados Ltd.	265,313	263,832
Massy Holdings Ltd.	2,603,755	2,728,784
National Commercial Bank of Jamaica Ltd.	280,436	569,423
One Caribbean Media Limited	46,500	48,000
Sagicor Financial Corporation Ltd.	549,095	782,867
Southern Golf 7 Country Club Ltd. Class B	-	20,000
Trinidad Cement Limited	76,815	107,915
West India Biscuit Company Ltd.	599,616	585,563
Total Equity Securities	8,756,233	9,086,703
Investment Funds		
<i>Level 3</i>		
Royal Fidelity International Investment Fund Limited – Hedge Strategies Sub Fund	1,319,068	1,300,168
Royal Fidelity International Investment Fund Limited – International Opportunities Sub Fund	14,990,392	14,971,380
Total Investment Funds	16,309,460	16,271,548
Total	25,065,693	25,358,251

As of 30 June 2023, the cost of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss is \$19,681,054 (2022: \$19,651,594), of which \$12,677,762 (2022: \$12,677,762) represents Level 3 securities.

Movements in Level 3 securities comprise:	2023 \$	2022 \$
Balance as of the beginning of the year	16,271,548	18,321,039
Purchases	-	600,000
Sales	-	(100,000)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation)	37,912	(2,549,491)
Balance as of the end of the year	16,309,460	16,271,548

Investment funds comprise the investments in redeemable participating shares of related party funds [Note 5].

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

4. Share Capital

The authorized share capital of the Fund is unlimited, and currently comprises non-voting redeemable participating shares (redeemable participating shares). Redeemable participating shares fully participate in the profits and losses of the Fund.

The redeemable participating shares were initially issued at \$1.00 per share. Thereafter, redeemable participating shares are issued on the first business day of each calendar month (dealing date) at the net asset value (NAV) per share as of the close of the last business day of the calendar month that precedes the dealing date (valuation date). Redeemable participating shares may be redeemed at the holder's option, upon giving fifteen (15) days prior written notice, at the NAV per share as of the valuation date.

As of 30 June 2023 and 2022, all of the redeemable participating shares are owned by Strategic Growth Fund and Select Balanced Fund (the sub funds), which are sub funds of the Umbrella Fund.

5. Related Party Balances and Transactions

The Fund does not have employees and its activities are directed and managed by the service providers of the Umbrella Fund, all of which are related parties. Related parties include those entities and individuals that have the ability to control or exercise significant influence over the Fund in making financial or operational decisions, and entities that are controlled, jointly controlled or significantly influenced by them.

(a) Investment management

Pursuant to an agreement with the Umbrella Fund dated 24 November 2008, RF Merchant Bank & Trust (Barbados) Limited (the Investment Manager), a bank incorporated and licensed in Barbados, serves as the Fund's investment manager. The Investment Manager is responsible for the implementation of the Fund's investment strategy and has sole responsibility for the investing and reinvesting of the Fund's assets.

The fees charged by the Investment Manager for services rendered to the Fund are borne directly by the sub funds.

(b) Administration

Pursuant to an agreement with the Umbrella Fund dated 24 November 2008, RF Capital Markets (Barbados) Limited (the Administrator), a company incorporated and licensed in Barbados, serves as the Fund's administrator. The Administrator is entitled to an administration fee, which is paid from the management fee.

(c) Custody

Pursuant to an agreement with the Umbrella Fund dated 24 November 2008, Royal Bank of Canada Financial Corporation (the Custodian), a bank incorporated and licensed in Barbados and an affiliate of the Investment Manager, serves as the Fund's primary custodian and escrow agent. The Custodian is entitled to a custodian fee, which is paid from the management fee.

(d) Directors and officers

Certain directors of the Fund are also directors or officers of the Investment Manager (and its subsidiaries) and the Custodian.

RF (Barbados) Investment Fund Limited – Equity Fund

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 30 June 2023 (Expressed in Barbados dollars) (Continued)

5. Related Party Balances and Transactions (Continued)

(e) Cash at bank and margin credit facility

The Fund has demand deposit accounts with the Investment Manager, which do not earn interest. As of 30 June 2023, the balances totaled \$3,758,455 (2022: \$827,165).

The Fund has a line of credit with the Investment Manager up to 50.00% of the fair value of its financial assets, which incurs interest at a rate of 6.00% per annum. The Fund has pledged its financial assets in support of this margin credit facility. There was no interest expense incurred for the years ended 30 June 2023 and 2022.

(f) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

As of 30 June 2023, the Fund has investments in securities of related parties classified as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which comprise:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Royal Fidelity International Investment Fund Limited – Hedge Strategies Sub Fund	1,319,068	1,300,168
Royal Fidelity International Investment Fund Limited – International Opportunities Sub Fund	<u>14,990,392</u>	<u>14,971,380</u>
	<u>16,309,460</u>	<u>16,271,548</u>

6. Financial Risk Management

The Fund engages in transactions that expose it to market risk (which includes price, currency and interest rate risks), credit risk and liquidity risk in the normal course of operations. The Fund's financial performance is affected by its ability to understand and effectively manage these risks.

The Fund's Investment Manager is responsible for identifying and managing risks. The Directors monitor the Investment Manager and are ultimately responsible for the overall financial risk management of the Fund.

Monitoring and controlling risks is performed through the establishment of limits by the Directors, which reflect the business strategy, including the level of risk that the Fund is willing to accept and the market environment in which the Fund operates. In addition, the Fund monitors and measures the overall level of risk in relation to the aggregate risk exposure across all risk types and activities.

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6. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Market risk

Concentration of risks

Concentration of risk indicates the relative sensitivity of the Fund's performance to developments affecting a particular industry or geographical location, and arises: when a significant proportion of financial instruments or contracts are entered into with the same counterparty; or where a significant proportion of counterparties are engaged in similar business activities, or activities in the same geographical region, or that have similar economic features that would cause their ability to meet contractual obligations to be similarly affected by changes in economic, political or other conditions. Concentration of currency risk arises when the Fund has a significant net open position in a single foreign currency, or aggregate net open positions in several currencies that are historically positively correlated. Concentration of liquidity risk arises from the repayment terms of financial liabilities, sources of borrowing facilities or reliance on a particular market in which to realize liquid assets.

To mitigate excessive concentration of risk, the Fund's policies and procedures include specific guidelines to maintain appropriate diversification

Price risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair values and/or amounts realized on sales of financial instruments may fluctuate significantly as a result of changes in market prices. Price risk arises from the Fund's investments in equity securities and investment funds, and is managed through diversification of the portfolio, with asset allocation guidelines recommended by the Investment Manager and approved by the Directors.

The effect on the fair value of financial assets at fair value through profit or loss due to changes in market prices of 5.00%, with all other variables held constant, is as follows:

	2023 \$	2022 \$
Equity securities	437,812	454,335
Investment funds	815,473	813,577
	<u>1,253,285</u>	<u>1,267,912</u>

The Fund has significant geographical concentration risk, with approximately 34.93% (2022: 35.83%) of the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss representing issuers of securities domiciled in Barbados, and 65.07% (2022: 64.17%) representing issuers of securities domiciled in the Commonwealth of The Bahamas. All other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss represent issuers of securities domiciled in other Caribbean countries.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair values and/or amounts realized on sales of financial instruments or the settlement of financial liabilities may fluctuate due to change in foreign exchange rates. The Fund is directly exposed to currency risk through its investments in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss denominated in foreign currencies, predominantly the US\$. However, this risk is mitigated because the BBD:US\$ exchange rate is fixed at 2:1. The remaining currencies are not hedged but are not considered to be significant exposures.

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6. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(a) Market risk (continued)

Currency risk (continued)

(Expressed in Barbados dollars)	BBD \$	TT\$ \$	US\$ \$	Total \$
As of 30 June 2023				
Cash at bank	3,595,863	129,716	32,876	3,758,455
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>5,246,132</u>	<u>2,961,005</u>	<u>16,858,556</u>	<u>25,065,693</u>
	<u>8,841,995</u>	<u>3,090,721</u>	<u>16,891,432</u>	<u>28,824,148</u>
As of 30 June 2022				
Cash at bank	709,779	117,386	-	827,165
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	<u>4,897,713</u>	<u>3,406,123</u>	<u>17,054,415</u>	<u>25,358,251</u>
	<u>5,607,492</u>	<u>3,523,509</u>	<u>17,054,415</u>	<u>26,185,416</u>

Interest rate risk

Fair value and cash flow interest rate risks are the risks that the fair values or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on its fair value risk through its cash at bank that earns interest at fixed rates. The Fund has elected not to hedge its exposure to fair value interest rate risk, and considers it to be minimal, as it maintains cash solely for liquidity purposes.

(b) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will be unable or unwilling to meet a commitment that is entered into with the Fund. The Fund's investment strategy exposes it to credit risk. All transactions in listed securities are settled/paid for upon delivery using approved brokers. The risk of default is considered minimal, as delivery of securities sold is only made once the broker has received payment. Payment is made on a purchase once the securities have been received by the broker. The trade will fail if either party fails to meet its obligation.

Further, cash balances and securities held in custody are placed with financial institutions in good standing with the relevant regulators.

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6. Financial Risk Management (Continued)

(c) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund is unable to meet its payment obligations associated with its financial liabilities when they come due. The Fund is exposed to monthly redemptions of redeemable participating shares, however its financial assets are generally longer term. The Fund has the ability to liquidate/redeem its positions on a daily basis for exchange traded securities, subject to concentration risk, and on a monthly basis for non-exchange traded investment funds to meet payment obligations, as financial assets are principally considered to be marketable and can be sold/redeemed in response to liquidity needs. Further, the Fund has the ability to borrow in the short term using its financial assets as collateral.

All financial liabilities are due on demand, however amounts owing to redeemable participating shareholders are not expected to be demanded in the short term as shareholders typically retain such shares for the medium to long term. All financial assets are current, and either due on demand or within one (1) month.

7. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Financial instruments utilized by the Fund comprise the recorded financial assets and liabilities disclosed in the financial statements. The Fund's financial instruments are principally short term in nature, have interest rates that reset to market rates, or are carried at fair value; accordingly, their fair values approximate their carrying values.

8. Capital Management

The capital of the Fund is represented by the net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares. The amount of net assets attributable to these shareholders can change significantly on a monthly basis, as the Fund is subject to monthly subscriptions and redemptions at the discretion of the shareholders. The Fund's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders and to maintain a strong capital base to support the development of the investment activities of the Fund.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Fund:

- monitors the level of monthly subscriptions and redemptions relative to financial assets it expects to be able to liquidate within one (1) month.
- issues new shares and redeems existing shares in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Fund, which include the ability to restrict redemptions and require certain minimum holdings and subscriptions.

The Directors and the Investment Manager monitor capital of the Fund on the basis of the value of net assets attributable to redeemable participating shareholders.

9. Subsequent Event

Subsequent to 30 June 2023, the Fund purchased 1,041,181 shares in PPF1 Limited for BBD \$5,205,903, which represents 17% of the overall investment holdings of the Fund. Other than this matter, there has not arisen any other transactions or events of a material nature which would significantly affect the results of operations or financial position of the Fund.