

# **Strategic Growth**

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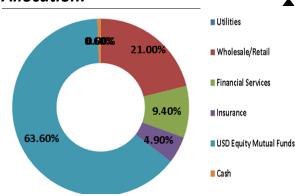
Sept Net Asset Value:	\$0.9778
Assets:	\$4.28M
Inception:	Dec 08

### Performance:

	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	-2.13%	0.542%
3 Month	3.32%	1.625%
1 Yr	-1.10%	6.5%
5 Yr	22.95%	37.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Annual rate of return, 6.5%

#### Allocation:



# **Top Holdings:**

RF USD INT'L OPPORTUNITIES FUND
MASSY HOLDINGS LIMITED
GODDARD ENTERPRISES LIMITED
RF USD HEDGE FUND
FIRST CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK

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.

## What a Wild Ride!

The year 2020 will go down in history as possibly the most unsettling year for generations. The global economy and global equity markets were performing well until the scale and scope of the Covid-19 pandemic became apparent in February.

In Q1 the MSCI All Country World Index (MXWD) plunged 21.74%. This was followed by a sharp appreciation of 10.58% in April. Since then the MXWD has appreciated every month until September. The strong recovery of global equity markets during the worst pandemic in our lifetime, was driven by the unprecedented (in peace time) fiscal and monetary stimulus.

Locally trading on the exchange remains bleak as total value traded on the market up to Sept 2020 was just over \$5M BBD in equities with the majority of shares having traded during the months of February and March. The only securities to advance on the exchange were Almond Resorts, Wibsico and Barbados Farms.

During the month of September the Fund lost 1.71%, but outperformed the MXWD by 1.65% due to a strong relative performance of our US value and international exposure. Securities on the local exchange remain at lower valuations than pre-covid as companies manage cash flows and prepare for 2021.

According to the Global Investment Committee of Morgan Stanley, the US equity markets are expected to remain range bound through mid-2021. On the other hand, they have an overweight rating on non-US equities. Fortunately, the fund has exposure to these markets and while we expect the Fund's performance to slow, we still expect single digit growth over this period.

In our view, the economic recovery from Covid-19 will take time and will include some volatility. The economy of China has already fully recovered and will be the key impetus for growth while the G7 economies recover in 2021.

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