

# Strategic Growth Fund

Quarterly Report, Q3 2022



Sept Net Asset Value:	\$0.9690
Assets:	\$6.05M
Inception:	Dec-08

## PERFORMANCE

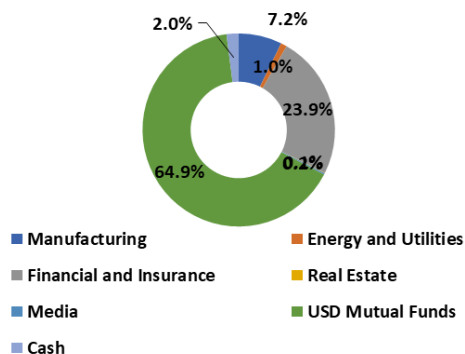
	Fund	Benchmark*
1 Month	-3.08%	-1.09%
3 Month	-3.59%	-1.11%
1Yr	-14.00%	-1.71%
3Yr	-0.70%	-7.58%
5Yr	0.50%	-4.40%

\* Index 50% MSCI All Country Index and 50% BSE Composite

## TOP FIVE HOLDINGS

RF US INT'L OPPORTUNITIES FUND	49.94%
MASSY HOLDINGS LIMITED	8.92%
GODDARD ENTERPRISE LIMITED	6.28%
RF USD HEDGE FUND	4.52%
FIRST CARIBBEAN BANK	4.22%

## ALLOCATION



The Strategic Growth Fund is a sub fund of the RF 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.

## The "Perfect" Storm

The Fund and global equity markets had a disappointing September and Q3. The Fund underperformed the benchmark by 1.99% and 2.48% in September and Q3, respectively.

After a rally in July, both shares and bonds turned lower and registered negative returns for Q3. Any hopes of interest rate cuts were dashed as central banks reaffirmed their commitment to fighting inflation. The heightened market volatility during third quarter continued as central banks and investors continued to grapple with persistent inflation amid a slowing growth backdrop.

The Federal Reserve, European Central Bank and Bank of England all raised interest rates in the quarter. Emerging markets underperformed their developed counterparts. Commodities generally declined. US equities fell in Q3.

The communication services sector, including both telecoms and media stocks, was among the weakest sectors over the quarter, along with real estate. The consumer discretionary and energy sectors proved the most resilient.

The S&P GSCI Index recorded a negative performance in the third quarter, driven lower by weaker prices for energy, industrial metals and precious metals. Energy was the worst-performing component of the index in the quarter, with sharply lower prices for crude oil, Brent crude and unleaded gasoline offsetting higher prices for natural gas.

Asia ex Japan equities were weaker in the third quarter on investor concerns over rising inflation, higher interest rates and fears over a global slowdown. China was the weakest index market in the quarter on concerns over rising interest rates, as countries around the world battle soaring inflation. This was despite data released in September which showed that Chinese factory activity unexpectedly expanded during August.

As we enter the fourth quarter, the global economy should continue to slow while some economies could enter recession. The magnitude of this potential recession will partly depend on the effectiveness of measures deployed by policymakers to reduce the impact of the energy crisis on households and businesses. Central banks, confronted with the biggest inflation shock since the 1970s, will for their part probably continue to prioritize the fight against inflation over supporting growth.

The Q2 report from Overseas Asset Management (OAM) reminded investors that time in the market rather than timing the market is the recipe to investment success.

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