

Insights

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Investing beyond our borders

Global investing has many benefits for your portfolio. It provides access to broader opportunity sets around the world spanning a wider range of industries and businesses. Through greater diversification, it can help reduce risks inherent in any single region or your home country. However, global investing also presents unique challenges. In this edition of Insights, we explore how your portfolio manages this complexity.

Here are some of the key challenges of global investing that RBC Portfolio Solutions manages for you.



Deep understanding of global markets

Cultural norms and language barriers complicate global investing. Accounting standards, investor sentiment, and corporate governance standards all vary globally.

Our teams bring local expertise and first-hand market knowledge. This means we can access better information with fewer barriers.



Navigating global uncertainty

Global risks like government and regulatory changes, trade tensions and conflicts are hard to track and interpret.

We monitor geopolitical developments in real time so you don't have to. Our teams actively discuss what they may mean for your portfolio and make adjustments when necessary.



Trading and monitoring 24/7

International market hours make trading and monitoring difficult. Asian markets trade while Canadians sleep, and European markets close before many Canadians finish lunch.

Our investment experts are located around the world. They can access and use the latest information and capitalize quickly on opportunities.



Managing currency risk

When you invest globally, currency values can go up or down, affecting your returns. We use sophisticated currency management strategies to protect your portfolio from currency swings.

For example, your portfolio invests in funds that may employ currency management strategies to mitigate the impacts of currency fluctuations on your returns. We may also actively manage currency impacts across the total portfolio when markets reach critical turning points. We take advantage of these types of opportunities to preserve and grow your money.





Portfolio manager viewpoint

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The war in Iran has injected significant uncertainty into the outlook and widened the range of potential outcomes for the economy and financial markets. While risks have intensified, our base case scenario still sees the economy continuing to grow amid a variety of existing tailwinds, allowing stocks to outperform bonds, particularly in non-U.S. regions where valuations are relatively appealing. As a result, this quarter we increased our overweight exposure in Canada, European, Japanese and emerging-market equities, and expanded our underweight position in U.S. equities. Subsequently, we neutralized our European overweight and reallocated the proceeds to U.S. equities, given Europe's heightened vulnerability to oil price volatility and supply disruptions from ongoing geopolitical tensions. We have left our top-level asset allocation unchanged from the prior quarter, with only a small overweight position in stocks versus bonds, where that overweight is directed toward non-U.S. regions.

For our complete Spring 2026 Global Investment Outlook, please visit rbcgam.com/gio

Insightful Extras

Global investing reaps benefits

Global diversification expands your portfolio's investment universe. This broader access provides three key benefits:

Broader opportunity set: Canada represents only a fraction of the investible universe. For example, global investing gives you access to more than 44,000¹ stocks worldwide.

Different market cycles: Economies don't move in lockstep. When Canada faces headwinds, other regions can offset losses.

Sector balance: Canada's market tilts heavily toward financials, energy and materials. Global investing reduces this concentration risk.

Together, these benefits can offer you a smoother investment experience over time – and our decades of global investing experience keep you positioned for whatever lies ahead.

¹Source: OECD (2025)

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- B** U.S.: I want to gain more exposure to the AI trade
- C** Global markets: I want to access market opportunities across the world

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