

# Insights

## RBC Select Portfolios

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### The support crew behind RBC Select Portfolios

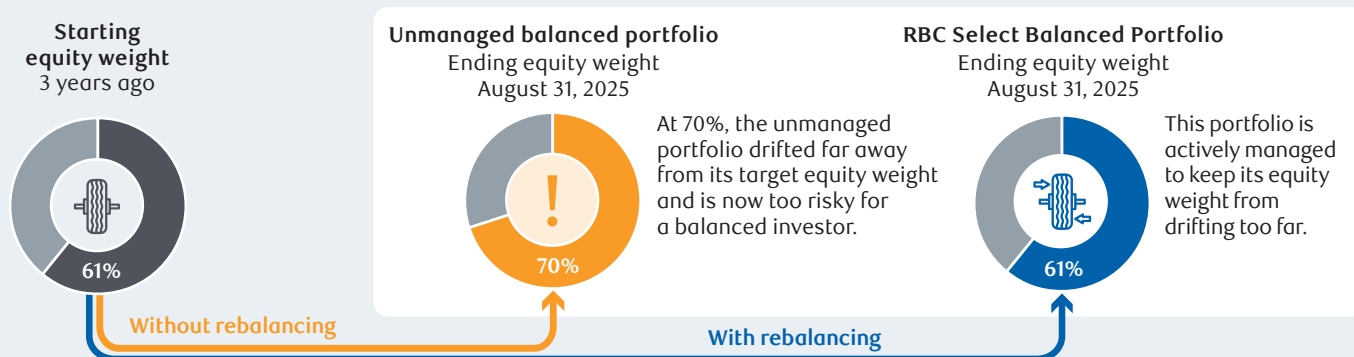
What does your portfolio and Formula 1 have in common? Both demand precision, expertise, and the agility to adapt and perform in ever-changing conditions. While you are in the driver's seat, we're here as your pit crew—providing the support you need to help you reach your financial goals.

#### Keeping your portfolio alignment in check

Your investment in RBC Select Portfolios is actively managed across equities, fixed income and cash to keep your portfolio aligned to specific targets and in-line with your risk tolerance. This is key because natural shifts in the market can take you off-track. It can expose you to more risk than you are comfortable with, or conversely, it could reduce risk too much and limit your growth.

To keep your portfolio's alignment in check, we review its asset mix daily and make adjustments when it strays too far from its target weights. These adjustments take into consideration where markets have been and where they are headed. For example, we may let winning positions run or cut losses early depending on our outlook. Discover more examples of how our crew supports you inside.

#### Your portfolio could drift significantly without rebalancing



Source: RBC Global Asset Management (RBC GAM). For the period of August 31, 2022 to August 31, 2025. Chart depicts actual equity weights in RBC Select Balanced Portfolio versus a model balanced portfolio without rebalancing. Unmanaged Model Balanced Portfolio represented by: 2.0% FTSE Canada 30 Day T-Bill Index, 37.1% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index, 15.3% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 25.4% S&P 500 Index, 15.3% MSCI EAFE Index, 5.1% MSCI Emerging Markets Index. Totals may not add to 100% due to rounding. You cannot invest directly in an index.



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# Our dedicated approach to driving your success

A Formula 1 pit crew works to make their racecar as efficient as possible - giving the driver every advantage possible to perform at their best. Likewise, your investment team works to keep your portfolio fine-tuned and running well so you can stay on track to achieve your financial goals.



## Strategic planning and design

**Having a plan is critical.** Before a race, F1 teams carefully design and plan their race strategy, considering data points like weather forecasts, track temperature, and tire degradation rates. To design your portfolio, we also leverage data and analyze both historical and future expectations for asset class returns, volatility and correlations for more than 50 asset classes. We then use a rigorous and data driven approach to determine the appropriate strategic asset mix to fit an investor's risk tolerance and return goals. This process, called strategic asset allocation, is the most important decision an investor can make.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Choosing the right strategic asset allocation is critical. **About 90%** of a portfolio's return variability is determined by its strategic asset allocation.<sup>1</sup>



## Real-time adjustments

**We fine-tune your portfolio based on current market conditions.** On the racetrack and in financial markets, you can never predict exactly what will happen, you can only prepare. To account for changing track conditions, pit crews will adjust the car's wing flaps or tires. In addition to managing portfolio drift, we also employ tactical asset allocation to adjust your portfolio as short-term market conditions shift. This means that we adjust how we are positioned to either capture short-term opportunities or mitigate risks when they arise.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Late on the night of the 2024 U.S. election, bond prices fell as yields rose. We took advantage of this opportunity, buying bonds near midnight before prices rose again the next day.



## Expert teamwork

**Your portfolio leverages knowledge and expertise of investment professionals across the globe.** Every pit stop in Formula 1 involves a full team working together, and we take the same approach to investing. With thousands of investment options around the world, having access to globally focused experts with local expertise is critical. Your RBC Select Portfolio incorporates the views of these investment specialists who are experts across different international markets, asset classes, and industries.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There are over 50,000 publicly listed companies worldwide, and 80% of them are outside of North America.<sup>2</sup>



## Constant evolution

**We are constantly looking for ways to add value to your portfolio.** F1 teams look for an edge whenever possible, looking to trim precious seconds off the race time. We take the same approach with your portfolio. Our team constantly works to improve our portfolio performance and investor outcomes - either by adding new underlying funds or asset classes, leveraging new technology, and much more.

## Your winning edge

Just like a Formula 1 team works diligently to give their drivers the winning edge, we're dedicated to helping you achieve your financial goals. Through careful planning and design, global collaboration, active management, and our ability to adapt and evolve, we ensure your portfolio is ready for a variety of market conditions - especially in today's unpredictable environment.

**Speak with your advisor to learn more about our time-tested approach.**



<sup>1</sup>Ibbotson, R. G., & Kaplan, P. D. (2000). Does Asset Allocation Policy Explain 40, 90, or 100 Percent of Performance? Financial Analysts Journal.  
<sup>2</sup>World Federation of Exchanges, Market Statistics. As of July 2025.

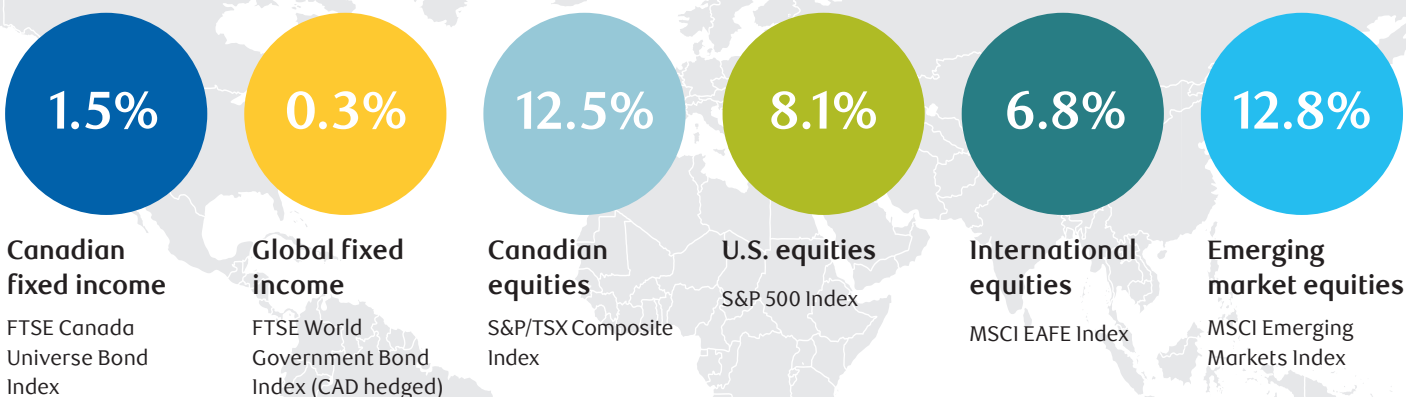


## Portfolio manager viewpoint

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The global economy has been resilient in the face of protectionism and more accommodative monetary and fiscal policy should support an economic acceleration in 2026. We recognize that risks remain with tariffs and trade policy, geopolitical tensions and highly indebted governments. In this environment, we expect bonds to deliver mid single digit returns if inflation doesn't rise drastically. In equities, valuations are more compelling in most of Europe and Asia's developed markets as well as emerging markets, and these areas therefore offer the potential for superior returns versus North America. As a result, we added one percentage point to our equity allocation, sourced from fixed income, and have directed our equity overweight toward Europe, Asia and emerging markets.

### Markets this quarter\*



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\*Source: Bloomberg. As of September 30, 2025. All returns are in C\$ except where indicated. Canadian, U.S., International and Emerging Markets index returns are total returns. An investment cannot be made directly into an index. The above does not reflect transaction costs, investment management fees or taxes. If such costs and fees were reflected, returns would be lower. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

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