

REPUBLIC CARIBBEAN EQUITY FUND

 31st March 2021

FUND SIZE
TT\$ 136 Million
FUND STRATEGY

The fund seeks to achieve long term capital appreciation by investing in a diversified portfolio of equity securities.

FUND FACTS

Minimum Initial Investment	Subsequent Investment	Bid Price @ 31-March-2021	Offer Price @ 31-March-2021	Distribution 31-July-2020
\$2,000.00	\$200.00	\$62.6107	\$63.8831	\$0.5021

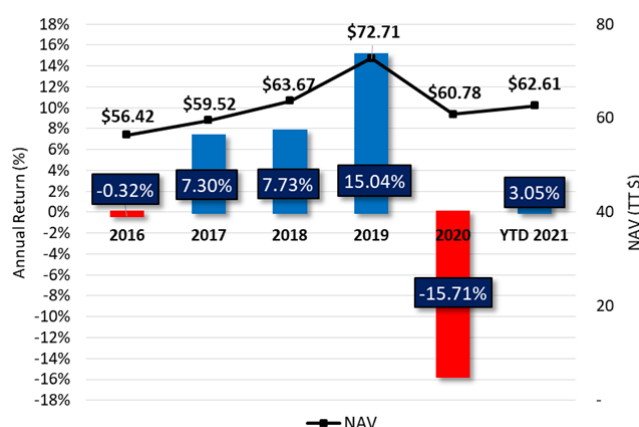
TOP FIVE (5) SECURITIES

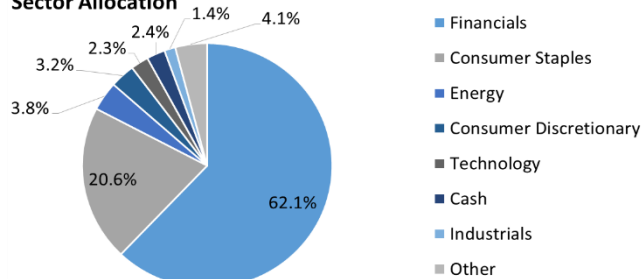
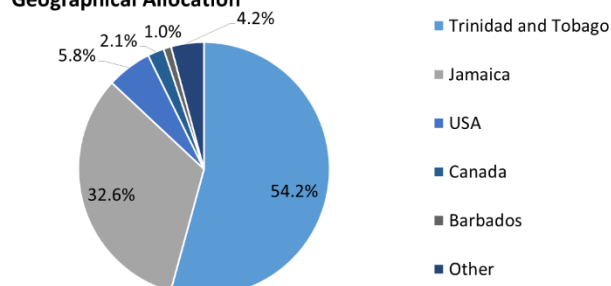
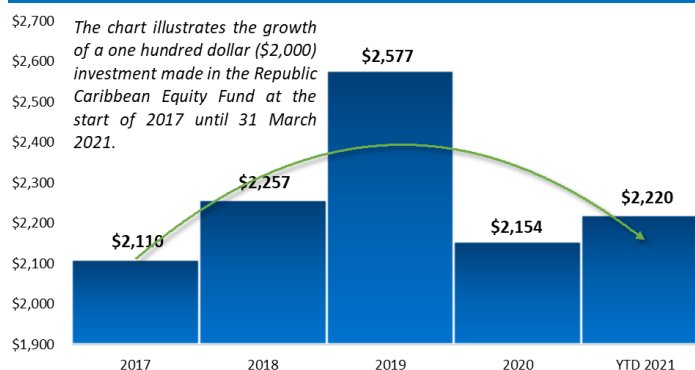
DESCRIPTION	FUND WEIGHT
National Commercial Bank Of Jamaica Ltd	22.00%
Republic Financial Holdings Limited	18.50%
Vanguard FTSE All-World ETF UCITS	10.34%
GraceKennedy Limited	9.64%
Scotiabank T&T Limited	6.48%

PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE
OFFER-BID SPREAD (AS AT MARCH 2021)

*Annualized

QUARTER	FYE 2020	3 YEAR*	5 YEAR*	INCEPTION*
3.05%	-15.71%	2.74%	3.99%	7.76%

ANNUAL RETURNS

 Year-to-date return and NAV to March 31st 2021.

EXPOSURES AS AT DECEMBER 2020
Sector Allocation

Geographical Allocation

INVESTMENT GROWTH


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MARKET REVIEW & OUTLOOK
CARIBBEAN BASIN

The Trinidad and Tobago Composite Index returned ▲1.54% on a price return basis for the quarter ending March 31st 2021 as equity markets continued to steadily recover following the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:

For the quarter ended March 31st 2021, the All TT Index grew marginally by ▲0.43% on a price return basis, as the stocks comprising the index produced mixed results. Stocks for companies such as First Citizens Bank Limited (▲9.56%) and Massy Holdings Limited (▲7.64%) advanced on the strength of their earnings. Guardian Holdings Limited (▲22.92%) also recorded a significant increase as the company announced its intention to cross list its stock on the Jamaica Stock Exchange. The largest detractors from return for the quarter were Scotiabank Trinidad and Tobago Limited (▼-6.38%), The West Indian Tobacco Company Limited (▼-7.01%), and Republic Financial Holdings Limited (▼-2.43%).

As full-year financial results were released, market participants showed favour for the stocks of companies that were quick to adapt and resilient to the challenges presented by the pandemic. Furthermore, companies that maintained pre-pandemic dividend policy were broadly better-off than those that reduced or cut dividends entirely. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts Trinidad and Tobago's Real GDP growth to be 2.08% in 2021, following an estimated decline of -7.83% in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The growth is expected to be supported by the receipt and rollout of vaccines, coupled with the easing of restrictions that impact economic activity. The Central Government recorded an overall deficit of \$1.0 billion during October 2020 to December 2020, compared to a deficit of \$386.8 million for the same period last year. The widened deficit stemmed primarily from lower energy and non-energy receipts as well as increased expenditure amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. At the end of December 2020, public sector debt was recorded at \$122.2 billion as compared to \$121.3 billion in September 2020.

CARIBBEAN EX TRINIDAD & TOBAGO:

The Trinidad and Tobago Cross Listed Index continued its upward trend for the third consecutive quarter, returning (▲3.89%) on a price return basis for the first quarter of 2021. NCB Financial Group Limited (▲4.55%) and GraceKennedy Limited (▲28.91%), which collectively make up 63% of the index, continued their rebounds from the onset of the pandemic, supported by robust financial results. In contrast, shares of JMMB Group Limited (▼-6.25%) and FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited (▼-1.28%) posted corrections.

The Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) Index declined (▼-2.83%) for the quarter ended March 31st 2021 as a majority of the stocks comprising the index declined for the quarter. In contrast to its appreciation on the TTSE, NCB Financial Group Limited (▼-2.11%) declined on the JSE; non-TTSE listed stocks: Scotia Group Jamaica Limited (▼-5.26%) and Wisynco Group Limited (▼13.12%) also declined. These stocks collectively make up approximately 30% of the index. Partially offsetting the declines were strong performances by GraceKennedy Limited (JSE Listed) (▲37.88%), Carreras Limited (▲26.24%) and Sagcor Group Jamaica Limited (▲3.76%). The Bank of Jamaica (BOJ) estimates that the Jamaican economy contracted between -7.5% to -9.5% for the quarter ended December 31, 2020. The IMF projects that the Jamaican economy contracted -10.22% (in terms of Real GDP) in 2020, but estimates growth of 1.47% for 2021, as pandemic containment measures ease and vaccines are administered to the population. Since the onset of the pandemic, the Bank of Jamaica has provided substantial liquidity support in both Jamaican dollars and US dollars, equivalent to more than 12% of GDP. On April 1, 2021, the BOJ stated that financial institutions may choose to resume dividend distributions to shareholders owning more than 1% of issued shares which has been declared for their 2019 and 2020 financial years. Dividends may also be declared and distributed to shareholders owning more than 1% of shares in 2021.

The IMF projects Real GDP in Barbados to have declined -17.6% in 2020 due to the economic impacts of COVID-19 and measures to contain it. A recovery of 4.1% is forecasted for 2021 as inoculation from the novel coronavirus is regularized globally and tourism returns to the region. Gross foreign reserves in Barbados also increased from US\$ 1.6 billion in March 2020, to US\$ 2.7 billion in December due to IMF support.

INTERNATIONAL

The MSCI World Index returned ▲4.92% for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, with positive returns from all sectors except for Consumer Staples (▼-0.43%) as global financial markets gradually recovered from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Increased risk appetite prompted buying in the global equity market, as COVID-19 vaccines continued to be distributed. Equities in the US - which make up a majority of the MSCI World Index - were also buoyed by increased liquidity, as a \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief package for stimulus payments of up to US\$ 1,400 was approved.

The quarter saw a strong rebound in the Energy (▲22.19%) and Industrials (▲7.89%) Sectors, as benchmark WTI oil prices increased and averaged US\$ 61.17/bbl for the quarter and demand projections were revised upwards. Financials (▲13.37%) also saw strong growth as reflation and rising interest rate concerns loomed. As a result of these concerns, the Technology Sector (▲1.43%) briefly turned negative in March, before closing the quarter with performance that was comparatively muted versus other sectors.

All data as at 31 March, 2021.

Sources: The Trinidad and Tobago Stock Exchange (TTSE), Bloomberg LP, The Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT), The International Monetary Fund (IMF).

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