

# Counsel Canadian Growth Series F

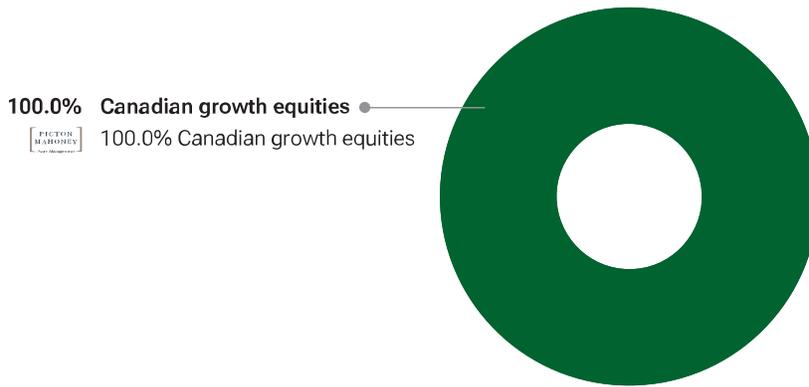
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A globally diversified fund that seeks to provide long-term capital growth and a reasonable rate of return by investing primarily in Canadian equity securities. The manager's approach to investment selection is growth oriented, driven by a focus on fundamental changes in the underlying companies. The fund may also invest in Canadian fixed-income securities and equity and fixed-income securities of issuers anywhere in the world depending upon prevailing market conditions.

## Is this portfolio right for you?

- Provides access to a neutral investment strategy aiming to achieve long-term capital growth.
- Provides exposure to Canadian, U.S. and international equity and fixed-income securities.
- Monthly distributions.

## Neutral portfolio allocation<sup>1</sup>



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## Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series F	-4.5	1.2	5.5	25.5	18.7	13.8	12.5	10.5

## Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series F	17.5	8.5	-9.9	23.9	13.5	23.5	-5.1	11.5	24.1	24.2	1.2

## Historical performance (%) Current value of \$10,000



## Key data

Fund type	Canadian Equity
Fund code	CGF702
Inception date	January 7, 2009
Mgmt. fee	0.75%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER	1.00%

## Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	\$0.06

*Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025*

## Risk tolerance

Medium

## Portfolio characteristics

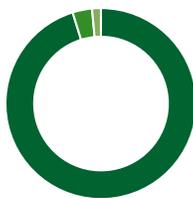
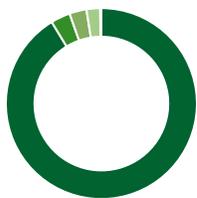
Dividend yield	1.9%
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## Investment

Min.	Subsq.	RRSP eligible
\$500	\$100	Yes

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How the fund is invested<sup>2</sup> as at Jan 31, 2026



Asset allocation	(%)	Geographic allocation	(%)	Sector allocation	(%)
Canadian Equity	91.3	Canada	95.2	Financial Services	27.7
Cash and Equivalents	3.3	United States	3.3	Basic Materials	18.8
US Equity	2.9	Bermuda	1.5	Energy	12.6
Income Trust Units	2.3			Technology	8.8
Domestic Bonds	0.2			Real Estate	5.9
				Consumer Services	5.5
				Industrial Services	5.5
				Utilities	3.5
				Cash and Cash Equivalent	3.3
				Other	8.5

## Top holdings

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
Royal Bank of Canada	8.2
Toronto-Dominion Bank	6.1
Shopify Inc Cl A	4.5
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd	3.3
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	3.2
Enbridge Inc	3.2
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	3.1
Brookfield Corp Cl A	2.7
Barrick Mining Corp	2.5
Franco-Nevada Corp	2.5

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Our Portfolio Management team builds and maintains our portfolios based on in-depth analysis to align to a broad range of investor risk profiles. We take an unbiased approach when choosing our money managers by incorporating a proprietary and disciplined methodology for researching and selecting independent asset managers from across the globe. Each manager is monitored and held accountable to their mandate to help ensure our investors have the best chance at achieving their financial goals.

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## Q4 2025 Fund Commentary

*Commentary and opinions are provided by PICTON Investments*

### Market Commentary

Canadian equity markets absorbed policy and political shocks as tariff uncertainty, regulatory shifts and geopolitical noise failed to derail growth or riskier assets. However, resilience was uneven, with artificial intelligence (AI)-driven investment supporting markets while households faced rising costs and deteriorating affordability. Volatility fell despite higher uncertainty, suggesting investors learned to live with disruption rather than demand resolution.

The Canadian economy settled into a pronounced K-shaped structure, benefiting asset holders and large corporations. At the same time, lower-income households and younger workers face weaker labour conditions. AI was a double-edged driver, boosting productivity and margins while reducing hiring and widening labour-market divergence.

### Performance

Relative exposure to Royal Bank of Canada contributed to the Fund's performance. The bank posted a record quarterly profit, up about 29% year over year, with earnings per share beating analyst estimates. Royal Bank of Canada benefited from strong capital markets, wealth management growth and the integration of its HSBC acquisition. Exposure to OR Royalties Inc. detracted from the Fund's performance. The company reported positive operational results, but its updated outlook was lower than the previous year's projection.

Stock selection in the financials and communication services sectors contributed to the Fund's performance. Underweight exposure to the energy sector and overweight exposure to the information technology sector also contributed to results. Selection within the materials and energy sectors detracted from performance. An underweight exposure to the financials sector and overweight exposure to the industrials sector also detracted from the Fund's performance.

### Portfolio Activity

The sub-advisor added a holding in BCE Inc. to the Fund based on the company's growth strategy, revenue targets and emphasis on free cash flow. The sub-advisor sees the potential for positive developments on margins and earnings growth. The Fund's holding in Barrick Mining Corp. was increased as the company has a new Chief Executive Officer. The company also has tier-1 copper and gold assets.

The Fund's holding in Parkland Corp. was sold because of the company's acquisition by Sunoco LP. A holding in Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. was reduced because of concerns about the company's planned capital expenditures.

### Outlook

Monetary policy has turned accommodative despite inflation being above target, reflecting fiscal dominance and a willingness to support employment growth at the expense of higher long-term inflation risk.

Global conditions are turning more supportive, broadening opportunities beyond U.S. large-capitalization stocks. At the same time, positioning is extended and consensus is growing around the broadening recovery thesis. Near-term data disappointments around economic growth and inflation could trigger a market setback and better entry point.

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The sub-advisor views bond markets as the gatekeepers here, with the 2026 recovery and rotation thesis depending on continued bond-market cooperation amid above-target inflation and rising fiscal dominance. Policy credibility is being tested as an unconventional monetary easing cycle, growing political influence over central banking and heavy debt issuance raise the risk of higher term premia and tighter financial conditions.

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