

Counsel Global Real Estate Series I

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The fund seeks to provide income and long-term capital growth by investing primarily in global real estate stocks and real estate investment trusts that present better than expected returns relative to the risk taken. The fund may also invest in equity and fixed-income securities of issuers anywhere in the world depending upon prevailing market conditions.

Is this portfolio right for you?

- Designed to provide capital growth and income potential from real estate securities denominated in a variety of currencies.
- Leverages our global real estate investment specialist's core competency of fundamental "bricks and mortar" investing.
- Monthly distributions.

Neutral portfolio allocation¹



Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series I	6.3	4.9	5.6	11.7	8.7	4.7	5.7	9.4

Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series I	1.4	4.6	0.4	22.9	-4.4	26.8	-19.6	6.7	12.2	4.4	7.5

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



Key data

Fund type	Real Estate Equity
Fund code	CGF419
Inception date	January 7, 2009
Mgmt. fee	0.95%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER	0.17%

Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	\$0.00

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025

Risk tolerance

Medium

Portfolio characteristics

Dividend yield	3.1%
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Investment

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

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How the fund is invested² as at Feb 28, 2026



Asset allocation	(%)	Geographic allocation	(%)	Sector allocation	(%)
US Equity	63.6	United States	64.1	Real Estate	90.9
International Equity	23.2	Japan	7.6	Healthcare	3.6
Income Trust Units	13.0	Australia	6.3	Consumer Services	2.9
Cash and Equivalents	0.2	United Kingdom	4.3	Technology	2.4
		Germany	3.8	Cash and Cash Equivalent	0.2
		Canada	3.8		
		Hong Kong	3.4		
		Sweden	2.5		
		Netherlands	1.6		
		Other	2.6		

Top holdings

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
Prologis Inc	7.8
Equinix Inc	6.6
Welltower Inc	5.3
Simon Property Group Inc	4.6
Mitsui Fudosan Co Ltd	3.9
Vonovia SE	3.8
Digital Realty Trust Inc	3.8
Extra Space Storage Inc	3.1
Capital Senior Living Corp	2.6
Equity Residential	2.4

Why Invest with Counsel Portfolios

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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Q1 2026 Fund Commentary

Commentary and opinions are provided by Hazelview Investments, Inc.

Market Commentary

The global real estate investment trust (REIT) market began the first quarter of 2026 with two consecutive months of robust performance, supported by strong sector fundamentals, impressive operating results and capital rotations into REITs. However, escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East caused a rapid rise in energy prices in early March, with knock-on effects for inflation expectations, economic growth estimates and bond yields. These factors weighed on market sentiment and contributed to a risk-off reaction across most equity sectors, including REITs.

Despite the challenges in March, the global REIT market still ended the quarter with a modest positive return. Regions viewed as more energy independent ended the quarter with relatively stronger performance. Hong Kong also performed well as the fundamental backdrop for major property types improved. Australia experienced country-specific challenges stemming from higher-than-expected inflation, which led the Reserve Bank of Australia to raise its policy interest rate during the quarter.

Performance

The Fund's overweight exposure to U.S. data centre operators, specifically Equinix Inc. and Digital Realty Trust Inc., contributed to performance during the quarter. Increased artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure spending announcements from major cloud-computing providers further supported future leasing expectations and pricing power for data centre operators. Equinix saw record fourth-quarter 2025 annualized gross bookings, while Digital Realty Trust saw strong revenue and earnings growth. SUNEvision Holdings Ltd. in the Hong Kong data centre sector also contributed to performance as market sentiment improved. Brixmor Property Group Inc. and Host Hotels & Resorts Inc. in the U.S. shopping centre and hotel sectors contributed as well.

The Fund's exposure to Australia detracted from performance, as the region underperformed globally. In Continental Europe, Vonovia SE in Germany declined as higher energy prices and rising bond yields weighed on sentiment, while CTP NV in the Netherlands fell because of weaker sentiment following full-year earnings results. In the U.S., CBRE Group Inc. and SL Green Realty Corp. detracted from performance as advanced AI tools released in February sparked sell-offs in service-based businesses, affecting commercial brokerage and office segments.

Portfolio Activity

The sub-advisor added eight new holdings to the Fund during the quarter, including Janus Living Inc. (a U.S. senior housing REIT), UDR Inc. (a U.S. residential REIT), Gaming and Leisure Properties Inc. (a U.S. gaming REIT), Catena AB (a Swedish industrial REIT), Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. (a Hong Kong residential developer), CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust (a Singapore diversified REIT), Scentre Group (an Australian regional mall operator) and Sumitomo Realty & Development Co. Ltd. (a Japanese real estate developer).

The sub-advisor increased the Fund's positions in Welltower Inc., Equinix and Prologis Inc. The sub-advisor sold the Fund's holdings in Aedifica SA, Grainger PLC, Link REIT, Invitation Homes Inc., Stockland Corp. and Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield SE to allocate capital toward new opportunities. Simon Property Group Inc., Vonovia and Extra Space Storage Inc. were reduced.

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Outlook

In the sub-advisor's view, the fundamental backdrop for real estate — and for the Fund specifically — entering the remainder of 2026 is more constructive than the past few years, with new supply declining across most major property types globally, demand for space remaining resilient and pricing power having re-emerged. Year-end 2025 reporting confirmed these trends, with data centres, health care, industrial, retail and hotels all exhibiting operational strength.

During the quarter, rising concerns around AI disruption sparked sell-offs across multiple sectors. Real estate has been an early net beneficiary of this trend as capital rotated toward sectors with business models and cash flows perceived to be more insulated from wholesale disruption. In the sub-advisor's view, the REIT business model appears relatively insulated from direct AI disruption because its cash flows are supported by contractual property rights, commercial real estate benefits from physical scarcity and supply constraints, and demand remains tied to physical rather than digital end uses.

As it relates to the geopolitical situation and the subsequent rise in energy prices, the sub-advisor hasn't yet seen an impact on real estate fundamentals more broadly. However, if the geopolitical situation and higher energy prices persist for an extended period, resulting in higher bond yields, slower growth and higher interest rates, that environment could pose challenges for the real estate sector.

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