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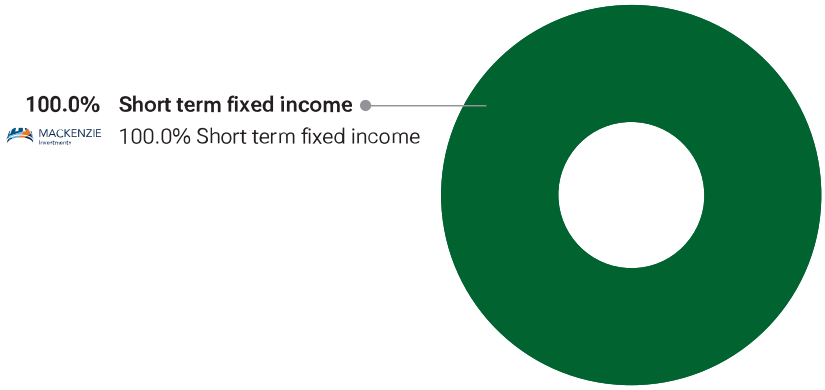
September 30, 2026

The fund seeks a moderate level of income while preserving investment capital and liquidity by investing in a diversified fund of primarily Canadian fixed-income securities, either directly or through securities of other mutual funds.

Is this portfolio right for you?

- Designed to provide a moderate level of income while preserving investment capital and liquidity.
- Offers exposure to a diversified portfolio of debt obligations issued by Canadian federal and provincial governments, debt obligations of Schedule 1 Canadian banks, loan or trust companies and corporations where obligations have a term to maturity of less than five years.
- Monthly distributions.

Neutral portfolio allocation



Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series I	-0.6	-0.8	0.5	1.1	5.3	2.6	2.5	2.6

Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series I	1.4	0.3	1.4	3.9	6.9	-0.1	-3.8	6.1	6.3	4.3	0.7

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

$15,429



Key data

Fund type	Canadian Short Term Fixed Income
Fund code	CGF539
Inception date	January 14, 2010
Mgmt. fee	0.45%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER (March 31, 2026)	0.17%
Net assets (million)	$102.7
Number of holdings	180

Sub-advisor

Mackenzie Investments

Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	$0.03

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025

Risk tolerance

Low

Investment

Min.	Subsq.	RRSP eligible
$500	$100	Yes

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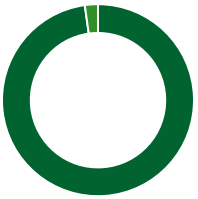
How the fund is invested as at Jul 31, 2026



Asset allocation	(%)
Domestic Bonds	91.9
Foreign Bonds	5.9
Cash and Equivalents	2.2



Geographic allocation	(%)
Canada	94.1
Germany	3.0
United States	2.7
Australia	0.2



Sector allocation	(%)
Fixed Income	97.9
Cash and Cash Equivalent	2.2

Top holdings

Effective holdings	(%) of NAV
Quebec Province 2.30% 01-Sep-2029	7.1
Alberta Province 2.05% 01-Jun-2030	4.8
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Sep-2028	3.8
Sun Life Financial Inc 2.80% 21-Nov-2028	3.7
Ontario Province 1.35% 02-Dec-2030	3.5
Bank of Nova Scotia 2.62% 02-Dec-2026	3.3
Canada Government 3.50% 01-Sep-2029	3.0
Canada Housing Trust 2.85% 15-Dec-2030	2.8
Toronto-Dominion Bank 3.61% 10-Sep-2030	2.4
Toronto-Dominion Bank 2.26% 07-Jan-2027	2.1
Total	**36.5**

Portfolio characteristics	
Dividend yield	3.3%
Yield to maturity	3.4%
Duration (years)	2.5
Average credit rating	A
Average coupon	3.3%

Credit Rating

AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B and below
1.9	60.9	15.6	20.8	0.8	-

Term to maturity: Bonds only (%) in years

< 1	1 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 20	> 20
11.8	71.3	13.2	0.1	3.7

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Q2 2026 Fund Commentary

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Market Commentary

Canada spent the quarter debating whether it was in a recession. The Bank of Canada held its policy rate at 2.25% in April and June, with core inflation near 2% and little energy pass-through. April gross domestic product rose 0.5% month –over month, taking some air out of the recession narrative, although May's flash reading came in at just 0.1% month over month.

Weaker economic data drove yields lower across the Canadian curve. Risk assets shrugged off the move in yields, with equity markets remaining resilient and focused on artificial intelligence, hyperscaler and chip-manufacturer themes. Investment-grade credit stayed extremely tight by historical standards despite heavy issuance across these industries, including a Canadian record issue by Alphabet Inc. that was quickly eclipsed by Amazon.com Inc. Attractive all-in yields and asset-mix rebalancing linked to strong equity markets continued to drive positive fund flows into both Canadian and U.S. fixed-income markets, helping the market absorb massive bond supply so far this year. First-half 2026 supply in Canada and the U.S. rose roughly 33% and 58%, respectively, compared with the first half of 2025.

Performance

An overweight allocation to Canadian corporate bonds contributed to performance.

Toronto-Dominion Bank (3.605% due 2031/09/10) contributed to performance through coupon income and supportive credit performance. In the sub-advisor's view, strong underlying earnings, stable credit quality and substantial capital resources reinforced confidence in the bank's debt-servicing capacity, despite continued expenses tied to U.S. regulatory remediation.

Bank of Nova Scotia (2.62% due 2026/12/02) detracted from performance, largely on a benchmark-relative basis rather than because of weaker credit fundamentals. In the sub-advisor's view, its low coupon and short remaining maturity provided limited income and price appreciation compared with longer-duration securities that benefited more from favourable yield movements.

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Portfolio Activity

The sub-advisor added ARC Resources Ltd. (3.465% due 2031/03/10). In the sub-advisor's view, ARC Resources Ltd.'s low-cost Montney assets, strong cash generation and manageable leverage supported the position, and Shell PLC's proposed acquisition further improved prospective creditor support, although completion remained subject to customary conditions.

Metro Inc. (3.469% due 2031/02/25) was increased to add defensive income from a stable grocery and pharmacy operator. In the sub-advisor's view, positive sales growth, stronger operating earnings and disciplined cost management supported confidence in the company's debt-servicing ability, and the 2031 maturity limited excessive interest-rate sensitivity.

The sub-advisor sold Royal Bank of Canada (5.01% due 2033/02/01) after strong performance reduced its relative-value appeal. In the sub-advisor's view, Royal Bank of Canada's earnings, capital position and improving credit provisions remained supportive, but better opportunities were identified elsewhere and exposure to longer-dated bank debt was reduced.

Province of Ontario (1.35% due 2030/12/02) was reduced because its low coupon offered less income than newer provincial issues, and better relative value was available elsewhere. In the sub-advisor's view, the decision reflected yield and portfolio-positioning considerations rather than any material deterioration in Ontario's credit quality.

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