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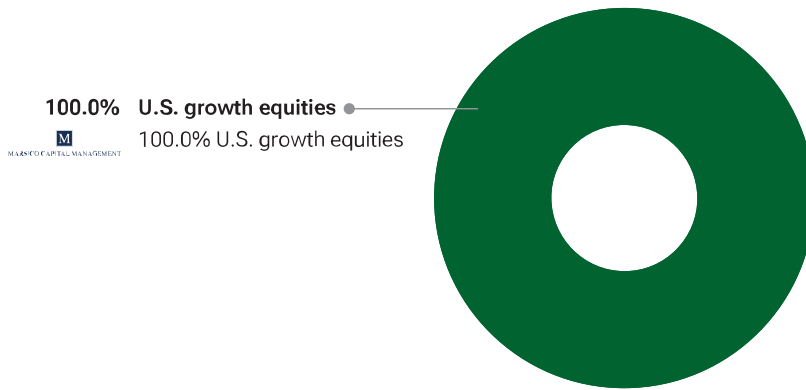
May 31, 2026

The fund seeks to provide long-term capital growth and to provide a reasonable rate of return by investing primarily in U.S. equity securities. The funds approach to investment selection is growth driven. The fund may also invest in U.S. 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?

- Designed to provide potential long-term capital growth.
- Provides exposure to U.S. markets primarily through a concentrated portfolio of between 20 and 30 U.S. large-cap stocks.
- Monthly distributions.

Neutral portfolio allocation¹



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ACHIEVED FOR THE YEAR 2025

Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series I	4.3	10.2	9.0	23.5	28.8	17.6	18.6	18.0

Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series I	-7.9	27.9	3.8	28.4	45.9	21.5	-29.0	41.7	58.7	7.7	10.2

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



Key data

Fund type	U.S. Equity
Fund code	CGF507
Inception date	January 7, 2009
Mgmt. fee	0.90%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER	0.16%

Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	-

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025

Risk tolerance Medium to High

Portfolio characteristics

Dividend yield 0.8%

Investment

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

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How the fund is invested² as at Mar 31, 2026



Asset allocation	(%)	Geographic allocation	(%)	Sector allocation	(%)
US Equity	87.0	United States	88.0	Technology	43.7
International Equity	11.5	Taiwan	5.2	Consumer Services	20.1
Cash and Equivalents	1.4	Netherlands	3.7	Financial Services	16.4
		Ireland	2.7	Industrial Goods	7.7
		Canada	0.4	Utilities	6.3
				Consumer Goods	3.2
				Cash and Cash Equivalent	1.4
				Real Estate	1.3

Top holdings

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
NVIDIA Corp	8.6
Alphabet Inc Cl A	7.2
Apple Inc	7.2
Microsoft Corp	6.6
Amazon.com Inc	6.4
GE Vernova Inc	6.3
Netflix Inc	6.2
Meta Platforms Inc Cl A	5.2
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufactrg Co Ltd - ADR	5.2
General Electric Co	5.0

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Q1 2026 Fund Commentary

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Market Commentary

Equity markets experienced elevated volatility during the first quarter of 2026 as investors navigated significant geopolitical developments, particularly in the Middle East, which contributed to mixed economic signals and increased uncertainty around monetary policy. U.S. equity indices finished lower, driven by shifting headlines, macroeconomic data and notable sector rotations away from growth-oriented technology stocks.

Geopolitical tensions were a key driver of market behaviour, with rising energy prices, supply concerns and trade disruptions contributing to broader economic implications for inflation expectations, input costs and global trade flows. Markets are likely to remain sensitive to ongoing geopolitical developments, particularly those involving the conflict in the Middle East, given their potential implications for inflation and central bank monetary policy.

Performance

Strong stock selection in the information technology sector had the largest positive impact on the Fund's performance. Stock selection and an overweight allocation to the industrials sector also contributed. Stock selection in the financials sector contributed as well.

GE Vernova Inc. contributed to performance, supported by strong fourth-quarter 2025 results reported in late January 2026. The update underscored continued momentum across the company's power and electrification segments, driven by increasing demand for reliable electricity infrastructure. ASML Holding NV also contributed to performance as its share price strengthened on resilient demand for lithography systems, supported by ongoing investment from logic and memory customers. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. contributed to performance as markets responded favourably to its latest earnings and outlook, with strong demand for cutting-edge microchips in high-performance computing and artificial intelligence (AI).

Weaker stock selection and minimal exposure to the health care sector detracted from performance. Zero exposure to the energy sector, the benchmark's strongest-performing sector, also detracted. An overweight allocation to the financials sector detracted as well.

Microsoft Corp. detracted from performance as its shares declined despite solid underlying execution. Market expectations around the pace and magnitude of AI monetization, coupled with ongoing elevated capital investment to expand infrastructure capacity, weighed on investor sentiment. Alphabet Inc. detracted as its shares lagged amid a more cautious view on the evolving digital advertising and search landscape. Meta Platforms Inc. was another detractor from performance as elevated spending expectations tied to AI infrastructure and long-term initiatives led to concerns around near-term margin pressure.

Portfolio Activity

The sub-advisor added to the Fund a holding in The Coca-Cola Co., a high-quality consumer franchise with durable demand characteristics and strong global brand equity. The company benefits from a broad portfolio of beverage brands, a highly efficient distribution system and a capital-light model that supports consistent cash flow generation. The sub-advisor also added Johnson Controls International PLC as the company continues to reposition its portfolio toward higher-margin building technologies and services. McDonald's Corp. was added given its leading global quick-service restaurant platform and strong customer loyalty.

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The sub-advisor increased the Fund's positions in Visa Inc., as the company's valuation became more compelling, Alphabet, as AI is driving incremental growth in search queries, and Netflix Inc., after clarity improved around the business following a decision not to pursue an acquisition.

The sub-advisor sold the Fund's holding in AppLovin Corp. after a reassessment of the company's long-term outlook because of increasing competitive pressure from larger platform providers deploying advanced AI-driven advertising tools. Intuitive Surgical Inc. was sold as the investment outlook became more balanced relative to other opportunities. Tesla Inc. was sold as the company's strategic pivot introduces elevated uncertainty around the durability of its earnings power and cash flow. The Walt Disney Co. was sold as the company's near-term outlook remains influenced by ongoing investment requirements and competitive dynamics.

Outlook

The sub-advisor remains cautiously optimistic, supported by consumer resilience and ongoing progress in AI adoption and implementation. At the same time, the outlook is tempered by increasing geopolitical uncertainty, including the conflict in the Middle East as a new and evolving risk. The situation remains unpredictable and has contributed to elevated oil prices, which may place upward pressure on inflation and delay the anticipated path of monetary easing. To the extent higher energy prices contribute to more persistent inflation, interest rates may remain elevated for longer, which could present a challenge for growth-oriented companies through both valuation compression and a higher cost of capital.

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