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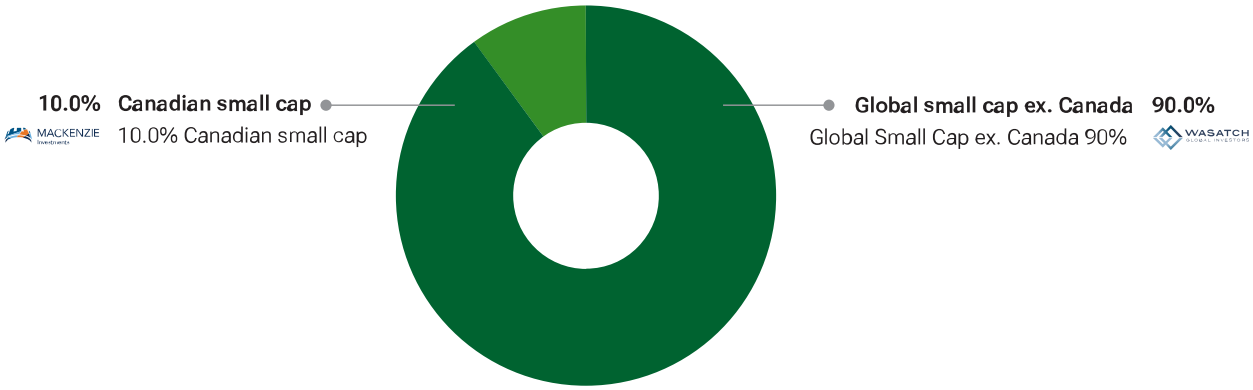
September 30, 2026

A globally diversified fund that seeks to provide long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in high quality global equity securities with below average market capitalization. The fund may also invest in investment fund securities, equities and fixed income securities of issuers located anywhere in the world depending upon prevailing market conditions.

Is this portfolio right for you?

- Designed to provide long-term capital growth potential.
- Exposure to small capitalization global equity markets.
- Monthly distributions.

Neutral portfolio allocation



Annualized performance (%)

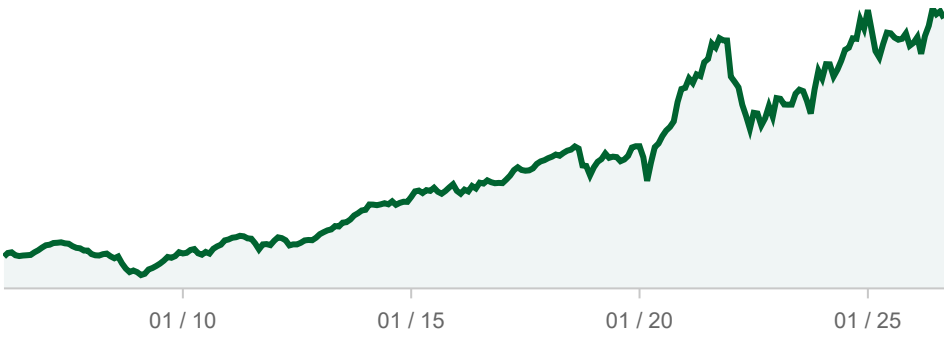
Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series I	-2.3	-3.2	13.9	8.0	11.8	2.1	8.5	8.6

Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series I	1.1	17.9	-10.1	21.7	35.0	22.0	-28.3	23.8	17.8	-6.2	10.4

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

$55,063



Key data

Fund type	Global Small/Mid Cap Equity
Fund code	CGF574
Inception date	March 1, 2006
Mgmt. fee	1.00%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER (March 31, 2026)	0.18%
Net assets (million)	$198.1
Number of holdings	244

Sub-advisor

Mackenzie Investments and Wasatch Global Investors

Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	$0.02

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025

Risk tolerance

Medium to High

Investment

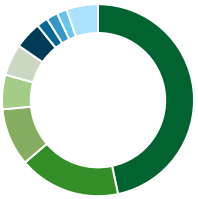
Min.	Subsq.	RRSP eligible
$500	$100	Yes

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How the fund is invested as at Jul 31, 2026



Asset allocation	(%)
International Equity	47.4
US Equity	45.9
Canadian Equity	5.6
Cash and Equivalents	0.7
Income Trust Units	0.3



Geographic allocation	(%)
United States	46.6
India	17.1
Japan	9.7
Canada	5.8
United Kingdom	5.3
Israel	4.6
Australia	1.9
Mexico	1.9
Sweden	1.7
Other	5.3



Sector allocation	(%)
Technology	21.2
Financial Services	19.3
Consumer Services	12.6
Industrial Goods	10.5
Healthcare	10.4
Industrial Services	8.9
Basic Materials	5.5
Real Estate	4.4
Consumer Goods	4.3
Other	3.0

Top holdings

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
HealthEquity Inc	3.7
AU Small Finance Bank Ltd	3.2
MonotaRO Co Ltd	3.1
Diploma PLC	2.8
Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings Inc	2.8
Ensign Group Inc	2.6
Casella Waste Systems Inc Cl A	2.5
Medpace Holdings Inc	2.5
PJT Partners Inc Cl A	2.0
Max Healthcare Institute Ltd	2.0
Total	**27.2**

Portfolio characteristics	
Dividend yield	0.6%

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Q2 2026 Fund Commentary

Commentary and opinions are provided by Wasatch Global Investors and Mackenzie Financial Corporation

Market Commentary

Global small-capitalization equities advanced during the second quarter of 2026, although returns were uneven across regions and sectors. Risk sentiment improved as investors looked through periodic volatility tied to the Middle East conflict, energy prices, tariffs and central-bank policy. The market also broadened beyond a narrow group of mega-cap technology companies, with select small-cap industrials, semiconductor-related companies and businesses tied to infrastructure, data-centre buildout and artificial intelligence (AI)-related investment benefiting from resilient spending. At the same time, higher discount-rate sensitivity, tariff uncertainty and weaker sentiment toward parts of the health care and consumer discretionary sectors created challenges for some companies.

Performance

The Fund's exposure to ASPEED Technology Inc., JFrog Ltd. and Standex International Corp. contributed to performance. ASPEED Technology's monthly revenue rose because of a rise in server manufacturing for AI workloads and demand for its chips. JFrog reported better-than-expected earnings and revenue, and its management raised earnings forecasts for 2026. Standex International benefited from rising defense spending in a more volatile geopolitical environment.

Relative exposure to Ensign Group Inc., Five Below Inc. and Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings Inc. detracted from the Fund's performance. Ensign Group's shares fell after a short seller report questioned its quality-of-care metrics, staffing practices and certain related-party business arrangements. Five Below stock was down because of concerns that rising oil prices may affect consumers' spending power. Ollie's Bargain Outlet was also affected by concerns about consumers' spending power.

Within the industrials sector, AAON Inc. also contributed to performance.

Stock selection in the industrials sector contributed to performance, supported by holdings exposed to electrical grid, data-centre, infrastructure and specialty industrial end markets. Country allocation also contributed, particularly out-of-benchmark exposure to Taiwan and India, where select holdings delivered strong returns. An underweight allocation to lower-returning sectors, including energy, utilities, real estate and materials, also contributed to performance.

The lack of exposure to SanDisk Corp. detracted from the Fund's performance, as the company's stock benefited from stronger NAND and enterprise solid-state drive demand tied to AI infrastructure investment.

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Stock selection in the information technology sector detracted from relative performance, as the benchmark benefited from strong performance in certain memory chip and semiconductor-related companies that weren't held or were underweight in the Fund. Exposure to the health care sector also detracted from performance, driven by weaker security selection and an overweight allocation to a sector that lagged broader small-cap equities. At the country level, stock selection and the Fund's relative exposure in the U.S. detracted from performance, while exposure to South Korea and Japan also detracted from performance.

Portfolio Activity

PJT Partners Inc. was added for its potential to grow market share. Marex Group Ltd. was added based on its breadth across assets and geographies, embedded technology and post-trade services. Imdex Ltd. was added because, in the sub-advisor's view, it benefits from its consumables (fluids) business with penetration across drilling operations globally.

Ollie's Bargain Outlet Holdings and Medpace Holdings Inc. were increased, taking advantage of weakness in their stock prices. Casella Waste Systems Inc. was increased based on the sub-advisor's growing conviction in the company.

Paylocity Holding Corp., Persistent Systems Ltd. and BellRing Brands Inc. were sold in favour of other investments. ASPEED Technology was reduced after gains in the stock. Valvoline Inc. was reduced to raise cash for other opportunities. The sub-advisor reduced Saia Inc. to manage the position size in the Fund.

The sub-advisor added Grupo Aeroportuario del Centro Norte SAB de CV, providing exposure to Mexican airport concessions and passenger traffic. The sub-advisor also added Bird Construction Inc. and Aecon Group Inc. as smaller infrastructure and Canadian industrial positions.

The sub-advisor increased Construction Partners Inc. and Champion Homes Inc., where the sub-advisor continues to see attractive company-specific growth profiles and risk/reward opportunities. The sub-advisor also increased select Canadian resource, infrastructure and specialty companies, including 5N Plus Inc., Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd., Arizona Sonoran Copper Company Inc., Calian Group Ltd., Enerflex Ltd. and Zedcor Inc.

The sub-advisor sold Voltronic Power Technology Corp. and Boyd Group Services Inc., along with selected smaller Canadian and exchange-traded fund exposures, reallocating capital toward higher-conviction opportunities elsewhere in the Fund's portfolio.

The sub-advisor reduced Five Below Inc., Nova Ltd. and Camtek Ltd., as well as several positions that had appreciated materially, including JFrog Ltd., AAON Inc. and Hammond Power Solutions Inc.

Outlook

The trend favouring lower-quality companies was pronounced in the U.S., and the sub-advisor sees signs of speculation in markets such as Japan, South Korea and Taiwan. The Fund holds several companies that the sub-advisor believes should benefit from the AI build-out.

Amid AI enthusiasm, investors have ignored companies that are not AI beneficiaries but that continue to steadily compound earnings growth. This has caused some of the Fund's growth holdings to trade at very attractive valuations. The sub-advisor has taken advantage of that opportunity, concentrating more capital into some of those positions.

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In the sub-advisor's view, global small-cap equities enter the second half of 2026 with supportive but still uneven conditions. Economic activity has remained more resilient than feared, manufacturing and infrastructure activity have shown pockets of strength and AI-related investment continues to benefit select companies beyond mega-cap technology companies. However, tariffs, energy price volatility, geopolitical developments and changing expectations for central-bank policy may continue to create volatility, particularly for more interest rate-sensitive and cyclically exposed small-cap companies.

The sub-advisor remains focused on businesses with durable competitive positions, strong balance sheets and company-specific catalysts across the industrials, information technology health care sectors and value-oriented consumer and select resource companies.

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