Counsel Balanced ETF Portfolio Series A

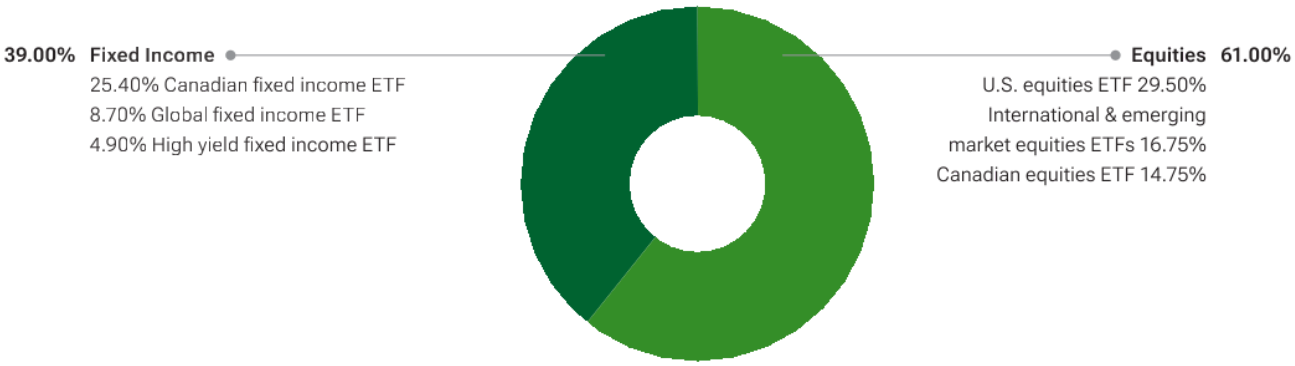
September 30, 2026

A diversified portfolio of exchange traded funds (ETFs) that seeks to provide a balance of income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a globally diversified portfolio of ETFs. The portfolio may also invest in other mutual funds or in securities directly.

Is this portfolio right for you?

- Provides access to an all-in-one ETF portfolio that is designed to provide the growth potential of diversified equities with the safer elements of fixed income.
- Designed to be a lower cost solution.
- Monthly distributions.

Neutral portfolio allocation



Annualized performance (%)

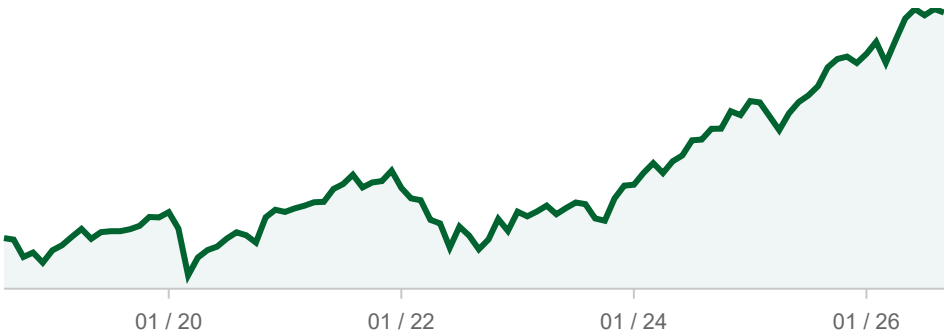
Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series A	-0.5	-0.5	8.5	9.3	13.7	6.5	-	5.5

Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series A	-	-	-	11.4	1.7	8.7	-12.4	10.6	14.9	9.6	8.5

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

$15,373



Key data

Fund type	Global Neutral Balanced
Fund code	CGF290
Inception date	September 13, 2018
Mgmt. fee	1.35%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER (March 31, 2026)	1.70%
Net assets (million)	$233.5
Number of holdings	6,534

Fund Manager

Canada Life Investment Management Ltd.

Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	-

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025

Risk tolerance

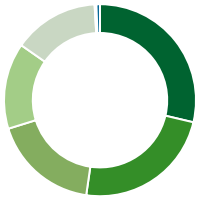
Low to Medium

Investment

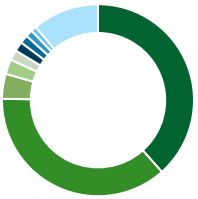
Min.	Subsq.	RRSP eligible
$500	$100	Yes

Counsel Balanced ETF Portfolio Series A

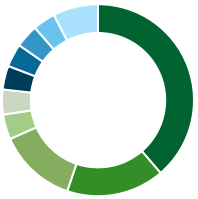
How the fund is invested as at Jul 31, 2026



Asset allocation	(%)
US Equity	28.7
Domestic Bonds	23.6
International Equity	17.9
Foreign Bonds	14.5
Canadian Equity	14.4
Income Trust Units	0.3
Other	0.6



Geographic allocation	(%)
Canada	38.3
United States	36.7
Japan	4.2
United Kingdom	2.5
France	1.7
Germany	1.6
Switzerland	1.4
Australia	1.2
Netherlands	0.9
Other	11.2



Sector allocation	(%)
Fixed Income	38.7
Technology	16.5
Financial Services	13.2
Consumer Services	4.2
Healthcare	4.2
Industrial Goods	4.0
Energy	3.9
Basic Materials	3.9
Consumer Goods	3.8
Other	7.6

Top holdings

Underlying funds/holdings	(%) of NAV
Mackenzie US Large Cap Equity Index ETF (QUU)	29.7
Mackenzie Canadian Aggregate Bond Index ETF (QBB)	20.3
Mackenzie International Equity Index ETF (QDX)	14.8
Mackenzie Canadian Equity Index ETF (QCN)	14.7
Mackenzie U.S. Aggregate Bond Index ETF (QUB)	5.3
Mackenzie Canadian All Corporate Bond Ix ETF (QCB)	5.1
Mackenzie US High Yield Bond Index ETF C$Hgd (QHY)	4.9
Mackenzie Developed ex-NA Agg Bd Ind ETF (QDXB)	3.4
Mackenzie Emerging Markets Equity Index ETF (QEE)	2.0
Total	**100.2**

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
NVIDIA Corp	2.3
Apple Inc	2.0
Microsoft Corp	1.7
Amazon.com Inc	1.1
Royal Bank of Canada	1.1
Alphabet Inc Cl A	0.9
Toronto-Dominion Bank	0.8
Broadcom Inc	0.8
Alphabet Inc Cl C	0.8
Shopify Inc Cl A	0.7
Total	**12.2**

Top fixed income holdings	(%) of NAV
Canada Government 1.25% 01-Jun-2030	0.7
Canada Government 1.50% 01-Jun-2031	0.5
Canada Government 2.00% 01-Dec-2051	0.4
Canada Government 0.50% 01-Dec-2030	0.4
Ontario Province 4.60% 02-Jun-2039	0.4
Ontario Province 3.75% 02-Jun-2032	0.3
Canada Government 3.00% 01-Jun-2034	0.3
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Dec-2034	0.3
CANADA HSG TR NO 1 3.8 15SEP36	0.3
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Dec-2055	0.3
Total	**3.9**

Portfolio characteristics	
Dividend yield	2.4%
Yield to maturity	4.2%
Duration (years)	6.0
Average credit rating	A
Average coupon	3.7%

Contact us

Customer service number 1-844-730-1633

Corporate website counselportfolios.ca

Counsel Balanced ETF Portfolio Series A

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.

Q2 2026 Fund Commentary

Commentary and opinions are provided by Portfolio Solutions Group

Market Commentary

Global equities gained over the second quarter of 2026, with MSCI World Index gaining 15.6%, and significantly outperformed global bonds (all returns are in Canadian-dollar terms on a total-return basis). Global equities benefited as concerns surrounding geopolitical tensions in the Middle East eased, allowing investors to refocus on corporate earnings and economic fundamentals. Early in the quarter, conflict in the region raised concerns about global energy supplies and the potential for higher inflation. However, as the risk of a prolonged disruption to oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz diminished, investor sentiment improved. Continued investment in artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure remained a key driver of equity market performance, supporting companies across the semiconductor, software and data centre industries.

The U.S. equity market led developed markets, supported by resilient earnings growth and strength in the information technology and industrials sectors. Canadian equities gained 7.0%, benefiting from strong performance in the financials and industrials sectors, although weakness in energy and materials limited broader market gains. EAFE equities posted a solid gain, supported by improving investor confidence and stable economic growth. Emerging markets equities returned 26.1% and outperformed developed markets, with Taiwan and South Korea benefiting from continued demand for AI-related semiconductors and advanced technology hardware. The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a total return of 2.0%. Bond markets generated positive returns as lower oil prices reduced concerns about a sustained inflation shock. However, resilient economic data moderated expectations for significant interest rate cuts. Corporate bonds outperformed government bonds as credit spreads narrowed and investor confidence improved. Government bonds posted positive but more modest returns as bond yields remained relatively stable. High-yield and investment-grade corporate bonds both benefited from improving market sentiment and stronger risk appetite.

Global markets demonstrated resilience, recovering quickly from geopolitical uncertainty as investors focused on the longer-term outlook for earnings growth. While immediate concerns surrounding energy markets and inflation eased, several challenges remain. Trade uncertainty, elevated equity valuations and the need for continued earnings growth are likely to remain key themes through the second half of the year. Markets moved beyond the geopolitical shock more quickly than the broader economy, suggesting that investors should remain attentive to evolving economic and market conditions.

Counsel Balanced ETF Portfolio Series A

Outlook

The third quarter of 2026 begins with markets having moved quickly from crisis pricing to relief pricing, as the immediate risk of a severe energy shock has faded following a fragile U.S.-Iran agreement and reduced concern over prolonged disruption through the Strait of Hormuz. Relief is warranted, but not complacency. Energy systems take time to normalize, with tanker positioning, insurance markets, inventories, production capacity and Qatari natural gas supply still working through the after-effects of the shock. Lower oil prices should help headline inflation and ease some pressure on central banks, but inflation pass-through may still appear with a lag in areas such as airfares, electricity, food and fertilizer. As a result, central banks remain cautious: the Bank of Canada is likely boxed into a hold given weak growth but persistent wage and productivity pressures, while the U.S. economy has not yet made a convincing case for U.S. Federal Reserve Board rate cuts.

Against that macroeconomic backdrop, earnings remain the key source of market validation, and AI continues to dominate the investment narrative. The AI buildout is real, supporting capital spending, semiconductors, data centres, power infrastructure, hardware, software and parts of global trade, particularly in Asia. However, the quality of reported earnings deserves more scrutiny. Some recent earnings strength may reflect unrealized mark-to-market gains on AI-related equity stakes rather than recurring operating profits, creating the risk of a circular feedback loop between public valuations, private valuations and reported earnings. We remain constructive but more selective: favouring U.S. equities while avoiding excessive concentration in the narrowest AI leaders, staying underweight Canada and developed international equities, and maintaining selective exposure to emerging markets tied to the AI supply chain.

Fixed income duration remains useful as a stabilizer. Credit requires caution, and alternatives continue to play an important role in providing diversification, liquidity and flexibility as markets test whether AI strength, lower inflation and easier energy conditions can justify already elevated expectations.

Disclaimer

The commentaries on the company specific information and purchases and sales were provided by the fund manager. Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. will not be liable for any loss, or damages whatsoever, whether directly or indirectly incurred, arising out of the use or misuse of errors or omissions in any information contained in this commentary. The data provided in this commentary is for information purposes only and, except where otherwise indicated, is current as of June 30, 2026.

The views expressed in this commentary are those of fund manager as at the date of publication and are subject to change without notice. This commentary is presented only as a general source of information and is not intended as a solicitation to buy or sell specific investments, nor is it intended to provide tax or legal advice. Prospective investors should review the offering documents relating to any investment carefully before making an investment decision and should ask their Advisor for advice based on their specific circumstances.

The content of this commentary (including facts, views, opinions, recommendations, descriptions of or references to, products or securities) is not to be used or construed as investment advice, as an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy, or an endorsement, recommendation or sponsorship of any entity or security cited. Although we endeavour to ensure its accuracy and completeness, we assume no responsibility for any reliance upon it.

Counsel Balanced ETF Portfolio Series A

This document may contain forward-looking information which reflect our or third-party current expectations or forecasts of future events. Forward-looking information is inherently subject to, among other things, risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed herein. These risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, without limitation, general economic, political and market factors, interest and foreign exchange rates, the volatility of equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government regulations, changes in tax laws, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events. Please consider these and other factors carefully and not place undue reliance on forward-looking information. The forward-looking information contained herein is current only as of June 30, 2026. There should be no expectation that such information will in all circumstances be updated, supplemented or revised whether as a result of new information, changing circumstances, future events or otherwise.

There can be no assurance that the Fund’s return or volatility targets will be met, or met over any particular time horizon. Targeted returns and volatility should be evaluated over the time period indicated and not over shorter periods. Targeted returns are not actual performance and should not be relied upon as an indication of actual or future performance.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently, and past performance may not be repeated.

Counsel Portfolios are managed by Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. Counsel Portfolios are distributed by IPC Securities Corporation and IPC Wealth Inc. and may also be available through other authorized dealers in Canada.

Counsel Balanced ETF Portfolio Series A

For neutral portfolio allocations that may be shown, the asset allocation weights depicted above represent the neutral allocations for the fund and may differ from the current allocation. The neutral allocation may comprise a combination of investments in equities, fixed income securities, securities that are designed to track a market index or other securities. Canada Life Investment Management Ltd., the fund manager, has the discretion to change the allocation without prior notice.

For effective holdings of the fund that may be shown, those are held either directly or through an underlying mutual fund. Asset allocations reflected are as a percentage of the fund's net asset value. Individual securities held by ETFs are not reflected in the Fund's Top holdings listings. Due to rounding and the potential for the inclusion of short positions in cash holdings, the total holdings value at times may exceed 100%. Occasionally, a negative value may be reported for Cash holdings that reflects the sale of securities and/or redemption transactions that have not settled at month end.

For information on the fund or any underlying Counsel funds, please read the Fund Facts, Simplified Prospectus and/or other reporting documents before investing, available at www.counselportfolios.ca.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees, and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions only and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution, or optional charges or income taxes payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Counsel Portfolios are managed by Canada Life Investment Management Ltd. Counsel Portfolios are distributed by IPC Wealth Inc. and IPC Securities Corporation and may also be available through other authorized dealers in Canada. Other marks displayed are trademarks of their respective owners and used under licence or with permission.