

# Counsel High Interest Savings Fund Series A

April 30, 2026

The fund is designed to provide investors with a high rate of monthly interest income, while preserving capital and providing liquidity, by investing primarily in high interest deposit accounts. The effective interest rate earned by unitholders may vary from the gross rate provided to the fund due to uninvested assets to facilitate unitholder transactions and expenses. The fund seeks to maintain a constant net asset value of \$10 per security.

## Is this portfolio right for you?

- May provide higher interest than traditional savings accounts. Currently, the gross interest rate paid to the fund is 2.27% based on the deposits held by the Fund. The effective interest rate earned by unitholders may vary from the gross rate provided to the Fund due to uninvested assets to facilitate unitholder transactions and expenses.<sup>2</sup>
- Alternative option for short-term savings and/or cash that can eventually be deployed into a longer-term investment.
- Distributions accrue daily, paid monthly.

## Neutral portfolio allocation<sup>1</sup>



## Annualized performance (%)

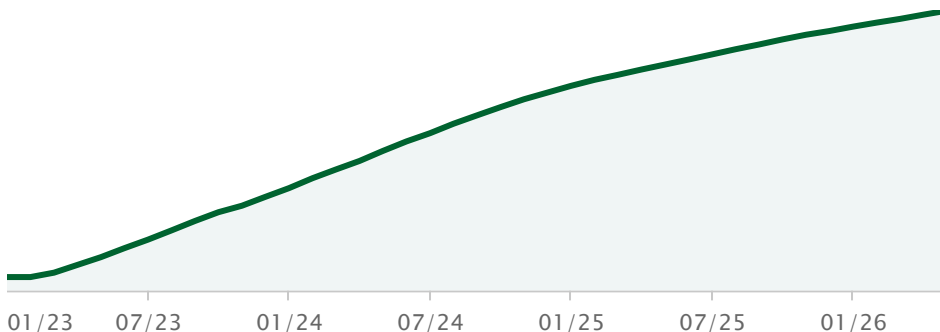
Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series A	0.2	0.5	1.0	2.2	3.5	-	-	3.6

## Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.4	2.5	0.6

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

**\$11,201**



## Key data

Fund type	Canadian Money Market
Fund code	CGF486
Inception date	January 30, 2023
Mgmt. fee	0.20%
Admin. fee	0.05%
MER	0.28%

## Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly (interest accrued daily)
Capital gains	N/A
Distributions	\$0.03

*Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025*

## Risk tolerance

Low

## 7 day annualized yield

1.97% (May 29, 2026)

## Investment

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

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Top holdings as at Feb 28, 2026

Effective holdings	(%) of NAV
EQ Bank HISA Account	44.5
BNS Investment Savings Account	42.5
National Bank IPC HISA Account	13.1
Counsel Money Market	0.1
Canadian Dollars	-0.1

## Why Invest with Counsel Portfolios

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## Q1 2026 Fund Commentary

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### Market Commentary

The first quarter of 2026 brought a volatile mix of geopolitical friction in the Middle East and a technology-driven growth narrative in the United States. The period began with optimism after the resolution of the U.S. federal government shutdown, but sentiment shifted as tensions between the U.S. and Iran escalated. Energy price volatility introduced competing forces for fixed income markets as inflationary pressure from rising oil prices weighed against the deflationary risk of a broader growth shock.

In Canada, the economic picture diverged from the U.S. as domestic fragilities became more apparent. The Bank of Canada (BoC) held its benchmark overnight interest rate steady at 2.25% in March, though policymakers adopted a more cautious tone. Data confirmed that the Canadian economy contracted in the final quarter of 2025, and the labour market showed signs of cooling, with the unemployment rate rising to 6.7% in February.

### Outlook

In our view, Canada may be entering a housing-led downturn, where a combination of falling rents and tighter financing could prompt the BoC to reduce interest rates toward the middle of 2026. In the U.S., resilience in core inflation measures may limit the U.S. Federal Reserve Board's ability to ease monetary policy in the near term.

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