

# Counsel High Interest Savings Fund Series I

March 31, 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>



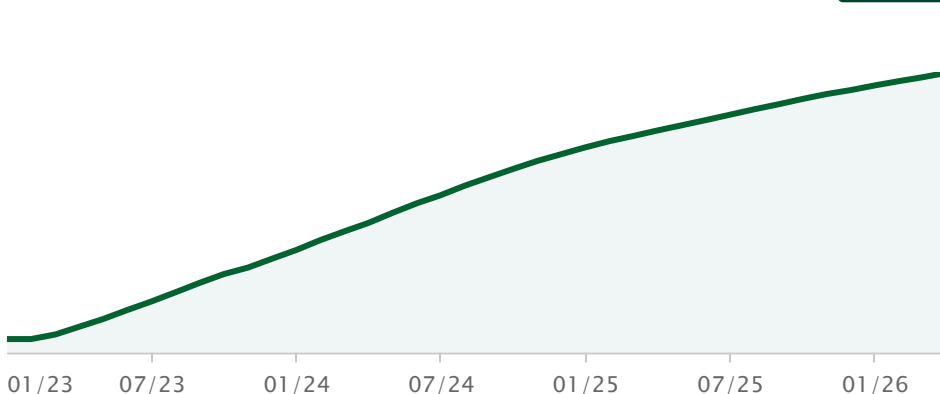
## Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series I	0.2	0.5	1.1	2.5	3.8	-	-	3.8

## Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	2.7	0.5

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



## Key data

Fund type	Canadian Money Market
Fund code	CGF786
Inception date	January 30, 2023
Mgmt. fee	0.10%
Admin. fee	0.05%
MER	0.06%

## 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

2.18% (May 5, 2026)

## Investment

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

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Top holdings as at Jan 31, 2026

Effective holdings	(%) of NAV
EQ Bank HISA Account	44.3
BNS Investment Savings Account	42.3
National Bank IPC HISA Account	12.9
Canadian Dollars	0.5
Counsel Money Market	0.1

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## Q4 2025 Fund Commentary

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### Market Commentary

The Bank of Canada held its policy interest rate at 2.25% in December. The decision was supported by positive data. Third-quarter 2025 gross domestic product rose 2.6%, while the labour market improved. The unemployment rate fell to 6.5% in November, its lowest level in 16 months, as the economy added over 50,000 jobs per month for three consecutive months.

A late-cycle easing bias continued to characterize much of global monetary policy, with pauses and slower paces of interest rate cuts becoming more common. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed) cut the range of its federal funds rate to 3.50%–3.75% by quarter-end.

### Outlook

The sub-advisor believes that in Canada, the potential for softer growth, primarily because of lower immigration and housing weakness, suggests prolonged monetary easing.

As tariff uncertainty appears to have retreated somewhat, U.S. monetary policy uncertainty has risen. There are opposing views within the Fed, as well as the prospect of a new Fed chair.

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