

# Counsel Monthly Income Portfolio Series FT

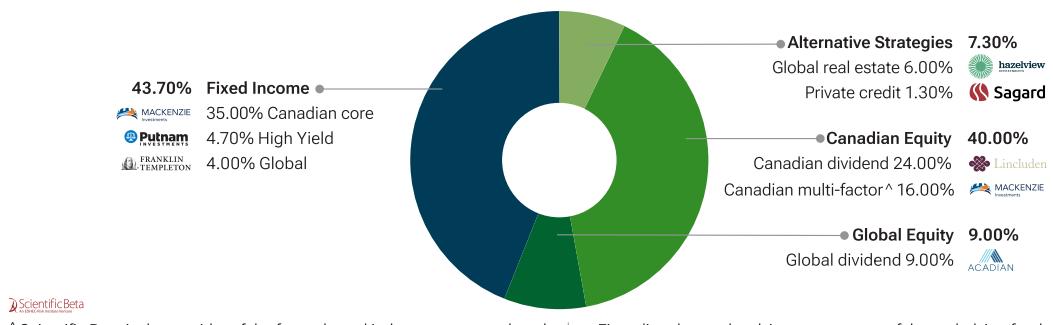
December 31, 2025

A diversified portfolio that seeks to provide a regular stream of income with the potential for modest long-term capital growth by investing primarily in Canadian and U.S. higher-yielding fixed-income securities, income trusts, convertible securities, mortgage-backed securities and money market instruments, either directly or through securities of other mutual funds. The portfolio also invests in Canadian and foreign common and preferred equity securities.

## Is this portfolio right for you?

- Designed to provide a regular income stream with the potential for modest long-term capital growth.
- Offers access to multiple income sources including capital gains, dividends and interest-paying securities.
- Fixed monthly distributions.

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



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## Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series FT	-0.2	1.9	5.9	11.1	10.5	7.2	6.0	6.1

## Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	YTD
Series FT	9.0	6.5	-3.5	11.3	1.3	13.2	-7.1	8.5	11.8	11.1	11.1

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

\$21,373



## Key data

Fund type	Canadian Neutral Balanced
Fund code	CGF176
Inception date	March 1, 2013
Mgmt. fee	0.75%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER	1.01%

## Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	\$0.03

*Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2025*

## Risk tolerance

Low to Medium

## Portfolio characteristics

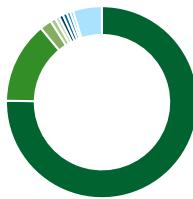
Dividend yield	3.5%
Yield to maturity	3.9%
Duration (years)	6.5
Average credit rating	A-

## Investment

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

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How the fund is invested<sup>2</sup> as at Oct 31, 2025



Asset allocation	(%)	Geographic allocation	(%)	Sector allocation	(%)
Domestic Bonds	35.4	Canada	75.4	Fixed Income	44.3
Canadian Equity	34.9	United States	13.8	Financial Services	12.1
Foreign Bonds	9.0	Multi-National	2.0	Real Estate	7.2
US Equity	7.8	China	0.9	Consumer Services	6.9
International Equity	5.8	Japan	0.7	Energy	4.8
Cash and Equivalents	4.2	Switzerland	0.7	Basic Materials	4.6
Income Trust Units	2.9	Australia	0.7	Cash and Cash Equivalent	4.2
		Taiwan	0.6	Technology	3.6
		Korea, Republic Of	0.5	Consumer Goods	2.2
		Other	4.9	Other	10.1

## Top holdings

Underlying funds/holdings	(%) of NAV
Counsel Canadian Core Fixed Income	37.2
Counsel Multi-Factor Canadian Equity	20.4
Counsel Canadian Dividend	17.5
Counsel Global Dividend	9.1
Counsel North American High Yield Bond	6.0
Counsel Global Real Estate	5.9
Counsel Global Fixed Income	2.0
Sagard Private Credit LP - CRPP3	2.0

Top fixed income holdings	(%) of NAV
Canada Government 3.50% 01-Sep-2029	2.6
Ontario Province 3.60% 02-Jun-2035	2.2
Sagard Private Credit LP - CRPP3	2.0
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	1.7
Quebec Province 4.40% 01-Dec-2055	1.3
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Dec-2055	1.2
Canada Government 3.00% 01-Jun-2034	0.9
Canada Housing Trust No 1 3.10% 15-Jun-2028	0.8
Quebec Province 4.45% 01-Sep-2034	0.7
Enbridge Inc 5.38% 27-Sep-2027	0.5

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1.8
Bank of Nova Scotia	1.4
Royal Bank of Canada	1.2
Metro Inc	1.1
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	1.1
Kinross Gold Corp	1.1
Loblaw Cos Ltd	1.1
Hydro One Ltd	1.0
Magna International Inc	0.9
Intact Financial Corp	0.9

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## Q3 2025 Fund Commentary

### Market Commentary

Global equities gained over the third quarter of 2025 and outperformed global bonds, which posted a small gain (all returns in Canadian-dollar terms on a total return basis). Expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed) would lower interest rates and ongoing investment and development in artificial intelligence (AI) helped boost stocks over the quarter.

The U.S. equity market advanced, posting a double-digit return. Information technology was the strongest-performing sector. Canadian equities increased and outperformed U.S. equities, getting a strong performance from the materials sector. EAFE equities advanced, underperforming Canadian and U.S. equities.

Equities in Japan and the U.K. contributed to the performance of EAFE equities. Emerging markets equities also advanced and outperformed their developed market peers, with equities in China and Taiwan contributing to performance.

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a total return of 1.5% over the quarter. As government yields moved lower, government bond prices increased. Government bonds underperformed corporate bonds, which also posted a gain.

Corporate bond prices benefited from narrowing credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate and government bonds). Real estate bonds posted the largest increase in the corporate sector. High-yield bond prices rose on a total return basis and outperformed investment-grade corporate bonds.

Global bond yields remained largely unchanged over the quarter, and global bond prices posted a small gain. The Bank of Canada, the Fed and the Bank of England lowered their policy interest rates. The European Central Bank and Bank of Japan held their policy interest rates steady. The yield on 10-year Government of Canada bonds fell from 3.27% to 3.18%. Government yields in the U.S. also declined. Government bond yields in the U.K., Germany and Japan increased.

### Performance

The Canadian equities portion of the portfolio underperformed the benchmark while the fixed income elements were in line with the benchmark.

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## Portfolio Activity

There were no structural changes to the portfolio during the quarter.

## Outlook

In the sub-advisor's view, the third quarter of 2025 highlighted divergence in global growth. The U.S. economy was resilient with gross domestic product growth near 3% annualized and productivity gains driven by AI adoption offsetting softer labour market trends. In contrast, Canada, Europe and the U.K. were weighed down by rising unemployment and trade challenges.

In the sub-advisor's view, equity markets reflect investor optimism, particularly in the U.S., where AI-driven earnings drove elevated valuations. Market concentration in technology and swings in investor sentiment are causes for caution.

Within fixed income, we view alternatives such as private credit and mortgages as valuable sources of income and duration management, particularly in a higher-for-longer environment. Liquidity and flexibility remain central, allowing portfolios to absorb sudden shocks if risks around AI investment, funding markets, or fiscal policy materialize.

The sub-advisor's approach emphasizes resilience over precision.

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