

# Counsel Essentials Balanced Portfolio Series A

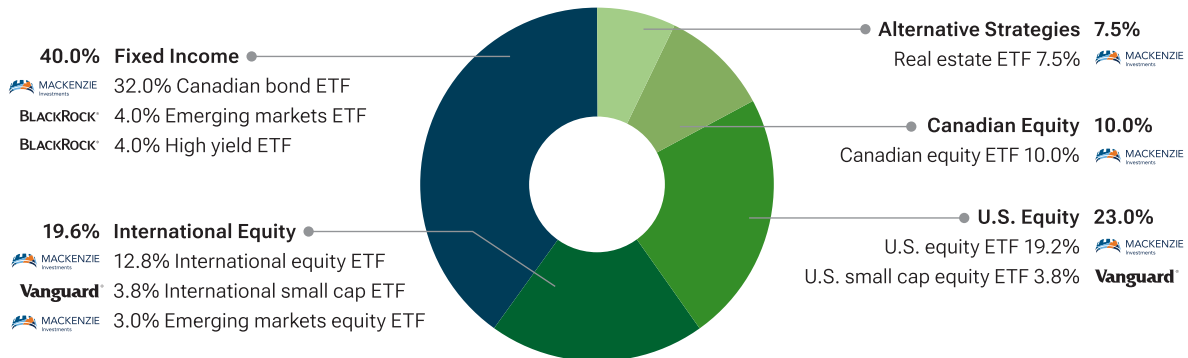
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A diversified portfolio of exchange traded funds (ETFs) that seeks to provide a balance of income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a globally diversified portfolio of ETFs. The portfolio may also invest in other mutual funds 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<sup>1</sup>



The asset allocation weights depicted above represent the neutral allocations as at January 20, 2025.

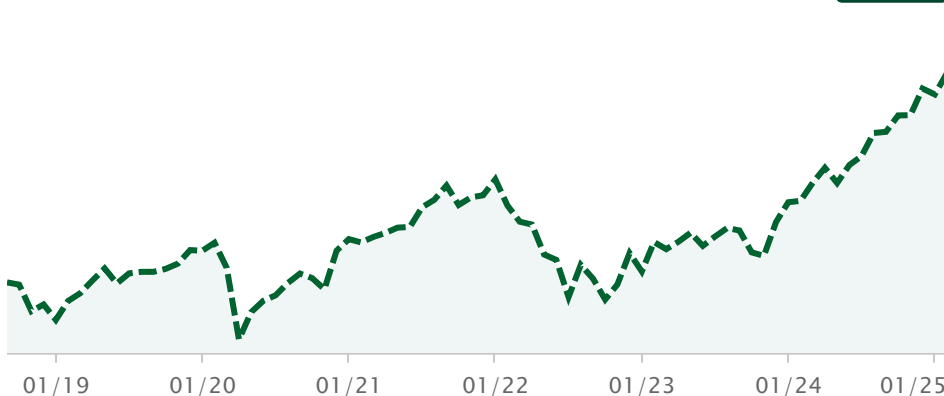
## Annualized performance (%)

Period	1 mth	3 mths	6 mths	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	Inception return
Series A	2.6	5.2	7.6	17.7	5.8	4.6	-	4.5

## Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Series A	-	-	-	-	11.4	1.7	8.7	-12.4	10.6	14.9	2.6

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



## Key data

Fund type	Global Neutral Balanced
Fund code	CGF290
Inception date	September 13, 2018
Mgmt. fee	1.35%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER	1.75%

## Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	\$0.25

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2024

## Risk tolerance

Low to Medium

## Portfolio characteristics

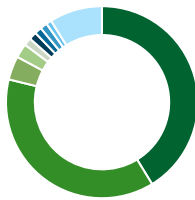
Dividend yield	2.9%
Yield to maturity	4.3%
Duration (years)	6.2
Average credit rating	A

## Investment

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

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How the fund is invested<sup>2</sup> as at Dec 31, 2024



Asset allocation	(%)	Geographic allocation	(%)	Sector allocation	(%)
US Equity	33.2	United States	41.3	Fixed Income	37.7
Domestic Bonds	29.2	Canada	37.6	Technology	14.5
International Equity	19.8	Japan	4.0	Financial Services	10.0
Foreign Bonds	8.5	United Kingdom	2.4	Real Estate	6.3
Canadian Equity	8.0	Australia	1.3	Consumer Goods	4.9
Income Trust Units	0.7	Switzerland	1.3	Healthcare	4.8
Cash and Equivalents	0.6	France	1.2	Consumer Services	4.6
		Germany	1.2	Industrial Goods	3.6
		China	0.9	Energy	3.0
		Other	8.9	Other	10.4

## Top holdings

Underlying funds/holdings	(%) of NAV
iShares Core S&P 500 Index ETF (XUS)	27.9
BMO Aggregate Bond Index ETF (ZAG)	26.3
Mackenzie International Equity Index ETF (QDX)	12.6
Mackenzie Canadian Equity Index ETF (QCN)	7.6
iShares Broad USD High Yield Corp Bond ETF (USHY)	5.2
Mackenzie Developed Markets Real Est In ETF (QRET)	4.1
iShares JP Morgan EM Corp Bond ETF (CEMB)	3.5
Mackenzie Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF (QSB)	3.3
Vanguard Small-Cap Index ETF (VB)	3.3
Vanguard FTSE All-World exUS SmllCap Idx ETF (VSS)	3.3

Top fixed income holdings	(%) of NAV
Canada Government 3.00% 01-Jun-2034	0.4
Canada Government 3.50% 01-Sep-2029	0.4
Canada Government 4.00% 01-Mar-2029	0.3
Canada Government 1.50% 01-Jun-2031	0.3
Canada Government 4.00% 01-May-2026	0.3
Canada Government 1.25% 01-Jun-2030	0.3
Canada Government 1.50% 01-Dec-2031	0.3
Canada Government 2.00% 01-Dec-2051	0.3
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Dec-2055	0.3
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Dec-2034	0.3

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
Apple Inc	2.0
NVIDIA Corp	1.7
Microsoft Corp	1.6
Amazon.com Inc	1.1
Meta Platforms Inc Cl A	0.8
Alphabet Inc Cl A	0.6
Broadcom Inc	0.5
Berkshire Hathaway Inc Cl B	0.5
Royal Bank of Canada	0.5
Alphabet Inc Cl C	0.5

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