

# Counsel Essentials Balanced Portfolio Series I

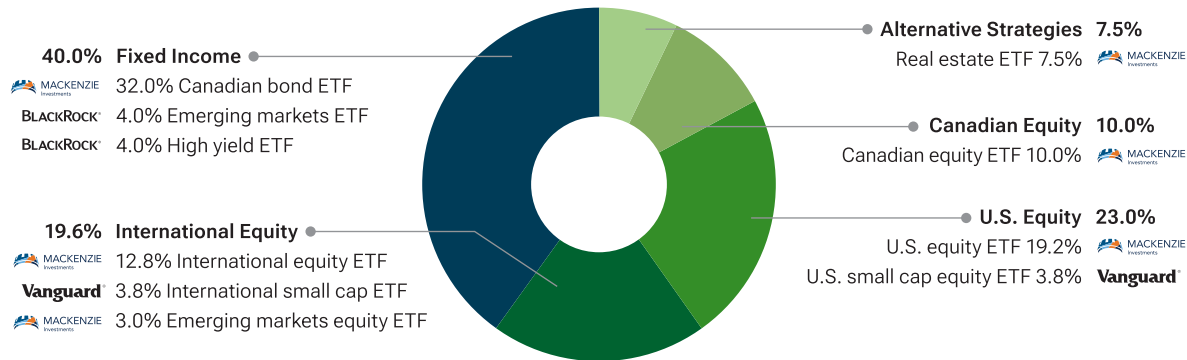
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A diversified portfolio of exchange traded funds (ETFs) that seeks to provide a balance of income and long-term capital appreciation by investing primarily in a globally diversified portfolio of ETFs. The portfolio may also invest in other mutual funds 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 I	1.3	7.0	1.8	10.3	10.9	7.7	-	6.0

## Performance (%) calendar year returns

Period	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	YTD
Series I	-	-	-	-	13.4	3.5	10.5	-11.0	12.3	16.7	4.5

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



## Key data

Fund type	Global Neutral Balanced
Fund code	CGF292
Inception date	September 13, 2018
Mgmt. fee	0.35%
Admin. fee	0.15%
MER	0.24%

## Distribution frequency

Income	Monthly
Capital gains	Annual
Distributions	\$0.43

Distributions represent the annual distributions paid during 2024

## Risk tolerance

Low to Medium

## Portfolio characteristics

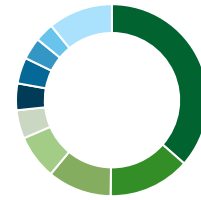
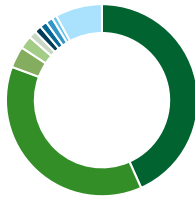
Dividend yield	2.7%
Yield to maturity	3.9%
Duration (years)	6.2
Average credit rating	A

## Investment

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

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



Asset allocation	(%)	Geographic allocation	(%)	Sector allocation	(%)
US Equity	32.6	Canada	43.4	Fixed Income	36.5
Domestic Bonds	31.4	United States	37.4	Technology	13.8
International Equity	18.0	Japan	3.6	Financial Services	10.8
Canadian Equity	10.3	United Kingdom	2.2	Real Estate	7.5
Foreign Bonds	5.1	Germany	1.3	Consumer Services	4.8
Cash and Equivalents	1.8	Switzerland	1.2	Consumer Goods	4.5
Income Trust Units	0.8	Australia	1.2	Healthcare	4.4
Other	0.1	France	1.2	Industrial Goods	3.7
		China	0.8	Basic Materials	3.2
		Other	7.9	Other	10.9

## Top holdings

Underlying funds/holdings	(%) of NAV
Mackenzie Canadian Aggregate Bond Index ETF (QBB)	29.8
Mackenzie US Large Cap Equity Index ETF (QUU)	26.2
Mackenzie International Equity Index ETF (QDX)	11.0
Mackenzie Canadian Equity Index ETF (QCN)	10.0
Mackenzie Developed Markets Real Est In ETF (QRET)	5.0
Vanguard Small-Cap Index ETF (VB)	3.7
Vanguard FTSE All-World exUS SmllCap Idx ETF (VSS)	3.7
Mackenzie Canadian Short-Term Bond Index ETF (QSB)	3.2
iShares Broad USD High Yield Corp Bond ETF (USHY)	3.0
Mackenzie Emerging Markets Equity Index ETF (QEE)	2.3

Top fixed income holdings	(%) of NAV
Canada Government 1.25% 01-Jun-2030	0.7
Canada Government 1.00% 01-Jun-2027	0.5
Canada Government 2.00% 01-Dec-2051	0.5
Canada Government 3.00% 01-Jun-2034	0.4
Canada Housing Trust No 1 4.25% 15-Mar-2034	0.4
Canada Government 4.00% 01-Mar-2029	0.4
Canada Government 1.50% 01-Dec-2031	0.4
Canada Housing Trust No 1 2.10% 15-Sep-2029	0.4
Ontario Province 4.60% 02-Jun-2039	0.3
Canada Housing Trust No 1 2.35% 15-Jun-2027	0.3

Top equity holdings	(%) of NAV
NVIDIA Corp	2.0
Microsoft Corp	1.9
Apple Inc	1.5
Amazon.com Inc	1.1
Meta Platforms Inc Cl A	0.8
Broadcom Inc	0.7
Royal Bank of Canada	0.6
Alphabet Inc Cl A	0.5
Shopify Inc Cl A	0.5
Alphabet Inc Cl C	0.5

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## Q2 2025 Fund Commentary

### Market Commentary

Global equities rose over the second quarter of 2025 and outperformed global bonds, which posted a small gain (all returns in Canadian-dollar terms on a total return basis). The U.S. paused higher tariffs as it worked on trade deals. Late in the quarter, the U.S. and China reached a framework for a trade deal.

The U.S. equity market gained, with strong performance from the information technology sector. Canadian equities increased and outperformed U.S. equities. Information technology was the strongest-performing sector in the Canadian equity market. EAFE equities advanced, outperforming U.S. equities but underperforming Canadian equities.

Italy and Spain contributed to the performance of EAFE equities. Emerging markets equities also gained and outperformed their developed market peers, with Taiwan and India contributing to performance.

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a total loss of 0.6% over the quarter. As government yields moved higher, government bond prices declined. Government bonds underperformed corporate bonds, which posted a small 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 declined over the quarter, and global bond prices increased. The European Central Bank and the Bank of England lowered their policy interest rates. The Bank of Canada, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board and the Bank of Japan held interest rates steady.

The yield on 10-year Government of Canada bonds rose from 2.97% to 3.27%, while government yields in the U.S. were largely unchanged. Government yields in the U.K., Germany and Japan declined.

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