

# CAN Core Balanced 100/100 (PP)

March 31, 2026

A fund that aims to find balance between long-term growth and consistent income.

## Is this fund right for you?

- You want investment income and you want your money to grow over time.
- You want to invest in Canadian fixed-income funds (target: no more than 40 per cent) and Canadian and foreign equity funds.
- You're comfortable with a low to moderate level of risk.

RISK RATING



**Fund category**  
Canadian Neutral Balanced

**Inception date**  
July 09, 2018

**Management expense ratio (MER)\***  
1.28%  
(December 31, 2024)

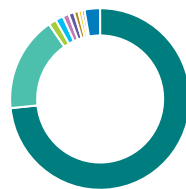
**Fund management**  
Portfolio Solutions Group

## How is the fund invested? (as of March 31, 2026)



**Asset allocation (%)**

Domestic Bonds	37.9
Canadian Equity	33.5
US Equity	16.1
International Equity	8.8
Cash and Equivalents	2.1
Foreign Bonds	1.0
Income Trust Units	0.7
Other	-0.1



**Geographic allocation (%)**

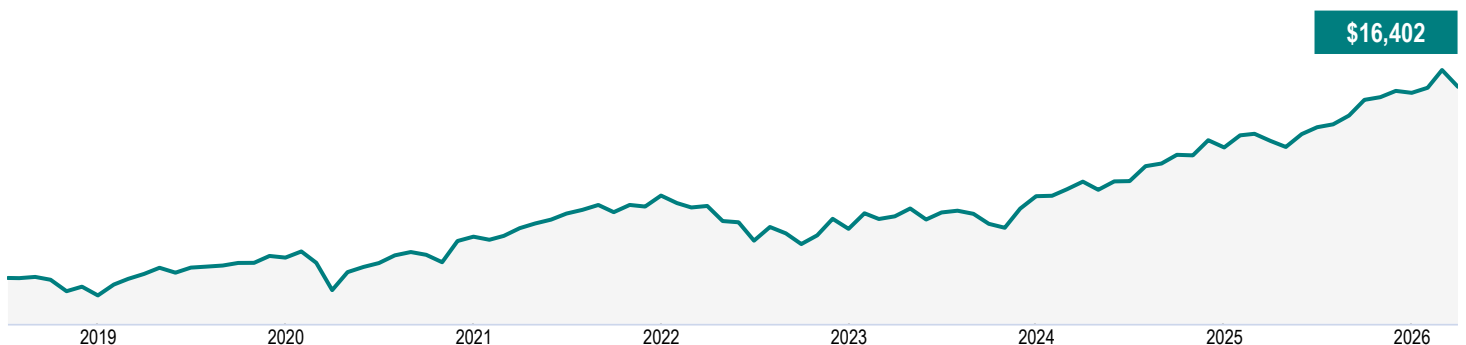
Canada	73.4
United States	17.0
Japan	1.4
United Kingdom	1.4
France	1.1
Ireland	1.0
Switzerland	0.8
Netherlands	0.6
Germany	0.5
Other	2.8



**Sector allocation (%)**

Fixed Income	38.9
Financial Services	15.5
Technology	8.7
Energy	8.0
Basic Materials	6.9
Consumer Services	3.6
Industrial Goods	3.3
Industrial Services	3.1
Healthcare	2.9
Other	9.1

## Growth of \$10,000 (since inception)



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## Fund details (as of March 31, 2026)

Top holdings	%
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	3.9
Royal Bank of Canada	2.2
Ontario Province 3.95% 02-Dec-2035	1.9
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Dec-2055	1.9
Canada Government 3.00% 01-Feb-2027	1.6
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1.4
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	1.2
Province of Ontario 3.90% 03-Dec-2055	1.2
Canada Government 1.50% 01-Jun-2031	1.1
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	1.1
<b>Total allocation in top holdings</b>	<b>17.5</b>

Portfolio characteristics	
Standard deviation	7.38%
Dividend yield	2.17%
Yield to maturity	3.93%
Duration (years)	7.11
Coupon	3.88%
Average credit rating	AA-
Average market cap (million)	\$506,043.4

**Net assets (million)**  
\$92.1

**Price**  
\$16.40

**Number of holdings**  
2948

**Minimum initial investment**  
\$500

A minimum \$500,000 in eligible assets required for preferred pricing. (refer back to info folder for eligible assets)

**Fund codes**  
FEL – CLGD015I

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## Understanding returns

### Annual compound returns (%)

1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
-3.31	1.25	1.25	12.41	10.78	7.05	-	6.61

### Calendar year returns (%)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
12.73	12.82	9.39	-8.73	12.10	6.56	13.45	-

## Range of returns over five years (August 01, 2018 - March 31, 2026)

Best return	Best period end date	Worst return	Worst period end date	Average Return	% of periods with positive returns	Number of positive periods	Number of negative periods
8.81%	Oct. 2025	3.51%	Sept. 2023	6.30%	100.00%	33	0

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## Q4 2025 Fund Commentary

*Commentary and opinions are provided by Portfolio Solutions Group.*

### Market commentary

Global equities gained over the fourth quarter of 2025 and outperformed global bonds, which posted a small gain (all returns are in Canadian-dollar terms on a total-return basis). Stocks gained in large part due to the U.S. Federal Reserve Board (Fed) lowering interest rates over the quarter. However, returns were muted over concerns that artificial intelligence (AI) spending may be entering bubble territory.

The U.S. equity market advanced, posting a low-single-digit return. The health care sector was the strongest-performing sector. Canadian equities posted a gain and outperformed U.S. equities, getting a strong performance from the materials sector. EAFE equities advanced, underperforming Canadian equities but outperforming U.S. equities. Equities in the U.K. and Japan contributed to the performance of EAFE equities. Emerging markets equities also gained and slightly underperformed their developed market peers, with equities in Taiwan and India contributing to performance.

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index declined 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). Communication services sector bonds posted the largest increase in the corporate bonds sleeve. High-yield bond prices rose on a total-return basis and outperformed investment-grade corporate bonds.

The Bank of Canada, the Fed and the Bank of England lowered their policy interest rates. The European Central Bank held steady on its key interest rates, while the Bank of Japan raised its policy interest rate. The yield on 10-year Government of Canada bonds rose from 3.18% to 3.43%. Sovereign bond yields in the U.S., the U.K., Germany and Japan also increased.

### Performance

An allocation to Canadian Core Plus Bond contributed to performance because of its overweight to credit given tightening credit spreads and a higher running yield. An allocation to U.S. Value Stock also contributed to performance.

An allocation to Canadian Focused Dividend detracted from performance because of its allocation to, and stock selection in, the materials, utilities, energy and information technology sectors. U.S. Growth Fund also detracted from performance because of stock selection in the industrials, information technology, financials and materials sectors. An allocation to Canadian Equity also detracted from performance.

### Portfolio activity

The portfolio manager did not make any change to the Portfolio during the quarter.

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## Outlook

In the portfolio manager's view, the final quarter of 2025 reinforced a stark divergence in global growth. The U.S. economy remains the anchor, with AI-driven productivity gains offsetting softer labour trends, while Canada, Europe and the U.K. continue to hover near stagnation.

Looking ahead, five forces shape the path into 2026. First, AI is delivering real-economy benefits even as equity leadership narrows and valuations stretch, increasing the risk that equity weakness spills into credit and tightens broader financial conditions. Second, China is stuck in low growth and persistent deflation, with policy focused on self-sufficiency and manufacturing scale over household demand, which exports disinflation through goods prices and keeps domestic yields anchored. Third, global trade remains fragmented as industrial policy, investment controls and regional supply chains reshape flows. This is an especially important watchpoint for Canada given sensitivity to U.S. policy and the North American trade framework review. Fourth, central banks are easing monetary policy cautiously, modestly in the U.S. and Canada, with more room in Europe and the U.K., while Japan may continue gradual tightening. Central banks may lean on liquidity operations or slower balance-sheet runoff to stabilize bond markets if conditions turn disorderly. Fifth, fiscal pressures are building, making policy credibility and refinancing capacity decisive for market pricing.

Equity markets still reflect optimism, particularly in the U.S., where AI-linked earnings support elevated multiples, but concentration and sentiment extremes raise caution flags. Commodities remain mixed, with structural demand supporting gold and oil softer on ample supply. Private-credit growth and funding-market functioning warrant close attention as potential transmission channels for stress.

For investors, the focus remains resilience over precision, balancing U.S. exposure with broad diversification, maintaining liquidity and incorporating alternative income to navigate an environment where risks build quietly but can break suddenly.

We keep core U.S. equity exposure, while reducing dependence on narrow leadership through global diversification and multi-factor strategies, and by tilting toward domestic-demand and structural-growth themes less reliant on global trade flows. In fixed income, we pair high-quality duration with alternative income, such as private credit and mortgages, for yield and duration management, while elevating underwriting standards and liquidity buffers given potential vulnerabilities in private credit and the possibility of disorderly interest-rate moves.

Liquidity and flexibility remain central, allowing portfolios to absorb shocks tied to AI investment cycles, fiscal credibility shifts, bond-market volatility or trade-policy adjustments. Key risk monitors include equity-to-credit spillover, upside inflation surprises that slow the pace of easing, bond-market functioning, North American trade developments and fiscal signalling in high-refinancing jurisdictions.

A constructive upside remains in view. If AI-driven productivity gains broaden across services and diffuse internationally, inflation pressures would ease, real incomes would strengthen and fiscal dynamics would improve, an important scenario to capture in allocation and rebalancing plans even if it is not the base case.

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