

# Canada Life Balanced Allocation Gens<sup>†</sup>



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A portfolio fund aiming to provide a balance between income and long-term growth.

## Is this fund right for you?

- You want investment income and you want your money to grow over time.
- You want to invest in both equity funds and fixed-income funds (up to 40 per cent).
- You're comfortable with a low to moderate level of risk.

### RISK RATING



**Fund category**  
Global Neutral Balanced

**Inception date**  
November 21, 2003

**Management expense ratio (MER)\***  
3.03%  
(December 31, 2024)

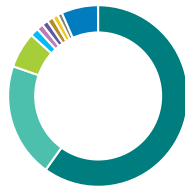
**Fund management**  
Portfolio Solutions Group

## How is the fund invested? (as of December 31, 2025)



### Asset allocation (%)

Domestic Bonds	30.7
International Equity	17.0
US Equity	17.0
Canadian Equity	15.9
Cash and Equivalents	6.6
Foreign Bonds	4.7
Income Trust Units	0.1
Other	8.0



### Geographic allocation (%)

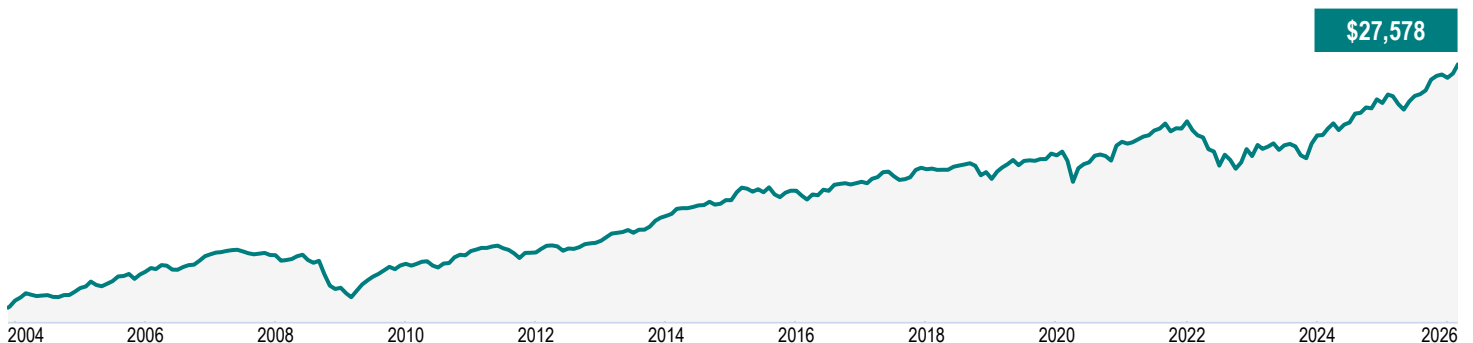
Canada	59.9
United States	20.4
Multi-National	6.4
Japan	1.5
Ireland	1.2
France	1.1
United Kingdom	1.1
China	1.0
Taiwan	0.8
Other	6.6



### Sector allocation (%)

Mutual Fund	26.1
Fixed Income	24.1
Technology	9.8
Financial Services	6.9
Cash and Cash Equivalent	6.6
Healthcare	3.1
Consumer Services	2.9
Industrial Goods	2.7
Consumer Goods	2.4
Other	15.4

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



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## Fund details (as of December 31, 2025)

Top holdings	%
Canadian Core Fixed Income	11.7
Howson Tattersall Canadian Value Equity Pool *	8.1
Real Estate	7.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents	4.8
Canada Life Global Small Cap (M)	3.0
Canada Life Global Equity (FT)	3.0
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	2.1
Apple Inc	1.4
Ontario Province 3.95% 02-Dec-2035	1.1
Private Credit (N)	1.0
<b>Total allocation in top holdings</b>	<b>43.3</b>

Portfolio characteristics	
Standard deviation	6.14%
Dividend yield	1.63%
Yield to maturity	3.95%
Duration (years)	7.46
Coupon	4.17%
Average credit rating	A+
Average market cap (million)	\$914,972.4

### Net assets (million)

\$1,467.2

### Price

\$27.58

### Number of holdings

5703

### Minimum initial investment

\$1,000

### Fund codes

DSC<sup>^</sup> – CLGOF006

NL – CLGON006

## Understanding returns

### Annual compound returns (%)

1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
<b>2.46</b>	<b>2.74</b>	<b>3.67</b>	<b>9.13</b>	<b>8.70</b>	<b>4.67</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>4.66</b>

### Calendar year returns (%)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>7.34</b>	<b>10.42</b>	<b>7.14</b>	<b>-10.70</b>	<b>6.73</b>	<b>4.65</b>	<b>8.81</b>	<b>-3.48</b>

## Range of returns over five years (December 01, 2003 - February 28, 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
<b>9.76%</b>	<b>Feb. 2014</b>	<b>-0.52%</b>	<b>Feb. 2009</b>	<b>3.63%</b>	<b>99.04%</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>2</b>

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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 Tactical Bond contributed to performance.

Actively managed Canada Life Global Opportunities+ Fund, Canada Life International Value Fund and Canada Life Emerging Markets Equity Fund contributed to performance. Canada Life Emerging Markets Equity Fund contributed because of stock selection in South Korea and Taiwan. Canada Life U.S. Dividend Fund also contributed to performance because of stock selection in the information technology, communication services and financials sectors.

Exposure to Canada Life Global Growth Opportunities, Canada Life U.S. All Cap Growth Fund and American Growth detracted from performance. Canada Life Global Growth Opportunities Fund detracted because of stock selection in the industrials, information technology, consumer discretionary, materials and financials sectors. American Growth detracted because of stock selection in the industrials, consumer discretionary, information technology and communication services sectors.

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## Portfolio activity

The portfolio manager added Counsel Multi-Factor U.S. Equity Fund, Counsel Multi-Factor International Equity Fund and Counsel Multi-Factor Canadian Equity Fund during the quarter and increased exposure to U.S. equities.

The portfolio manager sold Canadian Core Dividend, Canadian Small-Mid Cap and Canada Life Global Growth Opportunities Fund during the quarter and reduced exposure to Canada Life Emerging Markets Equity Fund.

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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.

We believe 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.

Our 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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