



NORTH GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT



## SEPTEMBER 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

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## Market and Fund Performance Update

U.S. equities continued to march to record highs in September, capping a solid month and quarter. The Federal Reserve's outsized interest rate cut of 50 basis points or 0.50%, combined with resilient U.S. economic data, boosted market confidence during what is typically a difficult month for stocks. Notably, the S&P 500 logged its best year-to-September's end performance since 1997.

### NO END IN SIGHT FOR MARKET VOLATILITY

Despite some broadening of market gains in September, 2024 so far has been another year of an excessively concentrated market with speculative fervor around artificial intelligence or AI. Throughout the past nine months, the equity markets have been volatile as views have oscillated between an impending economic recession and a "soft landing" or cyclical slowdown in economic growth with neither high inflation nor a severe downturn.

From an economic perspective, inflation is no longer the consequential worry. Inflation is now running close to the long-term preferred target of 2%. The Federal Reserve and Bank of Canada, along with other central banks around the world, have thus pivoted to lowering interest rates to prevent a slump.

Market volatility is likely to remain heightened during such an uncertain macroeconomic backdrop with mixed economic data and muted earnings outlooks from corporations. Further murkiness is compounded by expanding geopolitical conflicts, a marked slowdown in China, and a chaotic runup to the U.S. election in November.

During these challenging times, we continue to adhere to our disciplined, long-term investment approach. We remain focused on researching and investing in companies that meet our "Growth at a Reasonable Price" criteria. As always, we engage in active stock selection as opposed to macro-driven investment decisions.

### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND, SERIES F

In September, the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F appreciated 3.3%. The Fund outperformed all the indices we regularly track: the S&P 500 which gained 2.1%, the smaller capitalization S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap which were up 1.2% and 0.9% respectively, as well as the NASDAQ Composite which advanced 2.8%. In Canadian dollars, the Fund increased 3.5% versus the S&P 500's 2.4% monthly return.

Year-to-date, the Fund is up 18.1%. The Fund has underperformed the S&P 500 and NASDAQ Composite which appreciated 22.1% and 21.8% respectively during the same period, while beating the S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap indices which advanced 13.5% and 9.3% respectively. In Canadian dollars, the Fund has gained 21.2% versus the S&P 500 which is up 24.8%.

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES F

The North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, returned 2.4% compared to 3.2% for the S&P/TSX Composite Index during September. Year-to-date, the Fund is up 13.6%, lagging the S&P/TSX Composite's 17.2% gain.

We continue to remain focused on our "Growth at a Reasonable Price" investment philosophy which guides our stock picking and has helped us generate long-term outperformance. The team views any pullbacks in the market as opportunities to add to and/or upgrade the portfolio.

## North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund

### SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)</b>	<b>3.58</b>	<b>3.92</b>	<b>4.28</b>	<b>21.18</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series D)</b>	<b>3.55</b>	<b>3.85</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>20.91</b>
S&P 500 \$CDN	2.38	4.62	10.20	24.82
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>5.19</b>	<b>4.49</b>	<b>18.52</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series D)</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>5.11</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>18.25</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	2.14	5.89	10.42	22.08

### ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
<b>NGM U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)</b>	<b>29.79</b>	<b>8.43</b>	<b>13.10</b>	<b>12.92</b>	<b>13.89</b>
<b>NGM U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series D)</b>	<b>29.40</b>	<b>8.11</b>	<b>12.76</b>	<b>12.56</b>	<b>13.47</b>
S&P 500 \$CDN	36.38	14.38	16.46	15.54	15.96
<b>NGM U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>29.76</b>	<b>6.09</b>	<b>12.62</b>	<b>10.81</b>	<b>11.99</b>
<b>NGM U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series D)</b>	<b>29.37</b>	<b>5.78</b>	<b>12.29</b>	<b>10.46</b>	<b>11.58</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	36.35	11.91	15.98	13.38	14.03

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of September 30, 2024

\*Date of inception: October 23, 2009.

## North Growth Canadian Equity Fund

### SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>NGM Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>2.45</b>	<b>6.04</b>	<b>9.91</b>	<b>13.87</b>
<b>NGM Canadian Equity Fund Series D</b>	<b>2.42</b>	<b>5.96</b>	<b>9.74</b>	<b>13.62</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	3.15	10.54	9.96	17.24

### ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus *
<b>NGM Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>19.89</b>	<b>3.76</b>	<b>11.90</b>	<b>8.71</b>	<b>11.85</b>
<b>NGM Canadian Equity Fund Series D</b>	<b>19.53</b>	<b>3.45</b>	<b>11.56</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>11.26</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	26.74	9.52	10.95	8.09	9.44

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of September 30, 2024

\* The S&P/TSX Composite Index since Prospectus return is calculated from the Series F date of prospectus inception, June 15, 2012. The Series D date of prospectus inception is June 29, 2012

## Equity Fund Holdings

### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — HOLDINGS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Jabil Inc	6.14
2	Applied Materials Inc.	5.86
3	Ciena Corp	5.79
4	Motorola Solutions Inc	4.54
5	Coherent Corp.	4.39
6	HP Inc.	3.05
7	Brinker International Inc.	2.88
8	Qualcomm Inc.	2.60
9	Booking Holdings Inc	2.59
10	Elevance Health, Inc.	2.59
11	NVR Inc.	2.51
12	Tempur Sealy International, Inc.	2.49
13	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	2.48
14	Tapestry Inc	2.42
15	Integer Holdings Corporation	2.29
16	Crocs, Inc.	2.23
17	Johnson Controls International plc	2.21
18	Nvidia Corp.	2.17
19	Jacobs Solutions Inc.	2.16
20	Texas Instruments Inc.	2.14
21	Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	2.02
22	Global Payments Inc.	1.93
23	Microsoft Corporation	1.87
24	FedEx Corp.	1.84
25	Apple Inc.	1.82
26	Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc.	1.82
27	InMode Ltd.	1.79
28	Electronic Arts Inc.	1.60

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
29	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	1.56
30	Warner Bros. Discovery Inc.	1.52
31	Watts Water Technologies Inc	1.50
32	Align Technology, Inc.	1.49
33	Ulta Beauty Inc.	1.40
34	United Rentals, Inc.	1.25
35	Arhaus Inc	1.21
36	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	1.21
37	Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.	1.14
38	West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	0.98
39	Atkore Inc.	0.97
40	Masterbrand, Inc.	0.59
41	Amentum Holdings Inc	0.53
42	First Solar Inc.	0.46
43	Biogen Inc	0.39
44	Axonics Inc	0.30
45	NIKE Inc., Class B	0.25
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>94.97</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>5.03</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — HOLDINGS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	9.97
2	Leon's Furniture Ltd	9.45
3	TFI International Inc	6.63
4	Aritzia Inc	6.29
5	ATS Corporation	5.12
6	Calian Group Ltd	4.57
7	CAE Inc.	4.55
8	Open Text Corporation	4.53
9	Constellation Software Inc	3.86
10	Zymeworks Inc	3.44
11	Restaurant Brands International	3.30
12	Bird Construction Inc	3.23
13	Canadian National Railway Company	3.07
14	TELUS Corporation	3.02
15	Dollarama Inc.	2.63
16	Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.	2.49
17	ADF Group Inc	2.43
18	dentalcorp Holdings Inc	2.20
19	Polaris Renewable Energy Inc	1.87
20	Profound Medical Corp	1.81
21	Evertz Technologies Limited	1.47
22	AutoCanada Inc	1.45
23	Shopify Inc.	1.32
24	Canadian Solar Inc.	1.27
25	Jamieson Wellness Inc.	1.07
26	Lululemon Athletica Inc.	0.55
27	Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	0.53
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>92.12</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>7.88</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>



# Investing with Us

## INVESTING WITH NORTH GROWTH MANAGEMENT:

North Growth Management is a focused firm. Our objective is to achieve consistent, superior, long term returns on our equity funds based on our “Growth at a Reasonable Price” investment philosophy.

## FUND CODES

**Canadian Equity Fund**  
(only Canadian dollar investments)

**Series D** reference Fund Code **NGM 272**  
**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 270**

**U.S. Equity Advisor Fund**  
(for investments in Canadian dollars)

**Series D** reference Fund Code **NGM 372**  
**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 370**

**U.S. Equity Advisor Fund**  
(for investments in U.S. dollars)

**Series D** reference Fund Code **NGM 373**  
**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 371**

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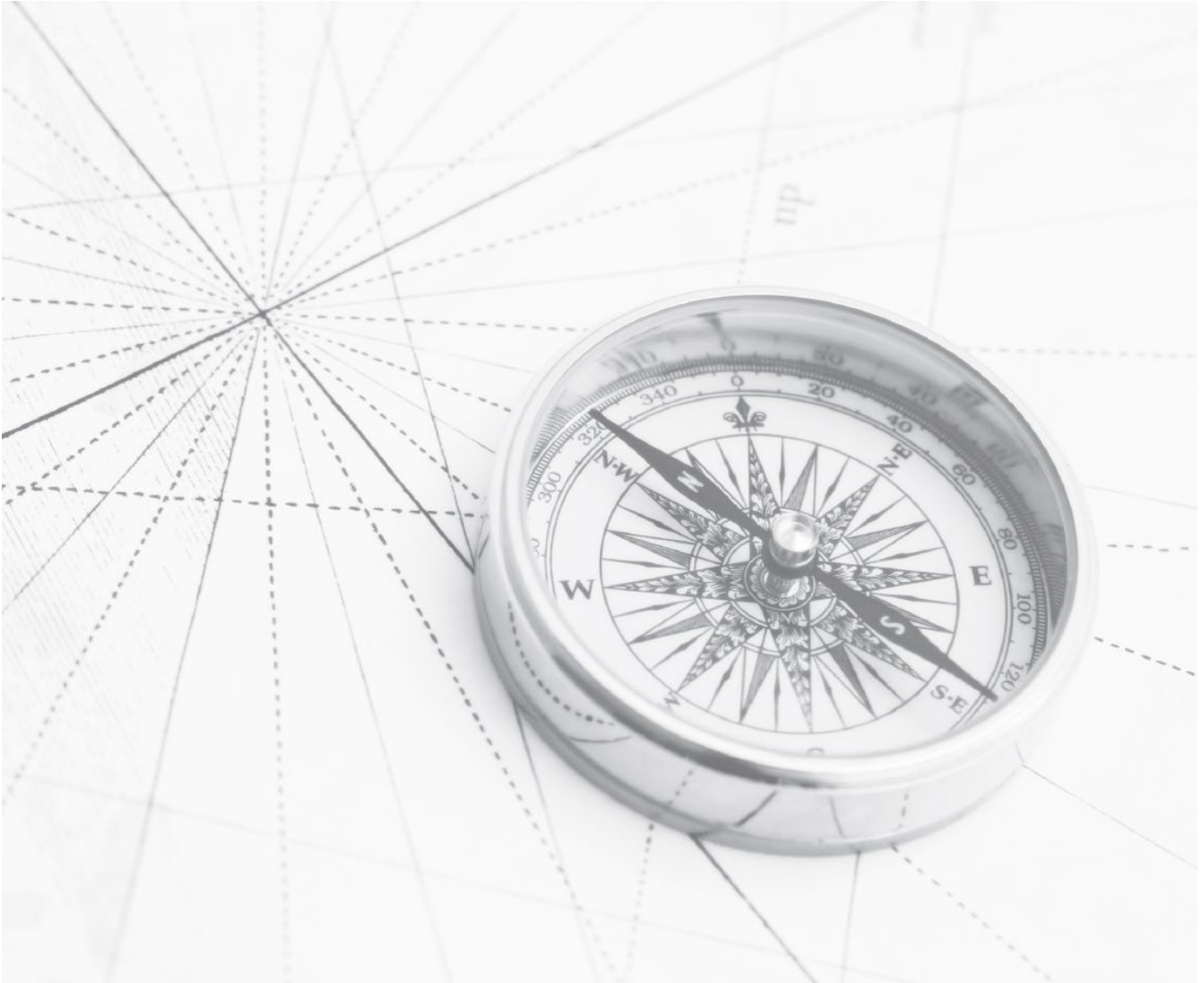
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