



NORTH GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT



## OCTOBER 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 6, 2024



## Market and Fund Performance Update

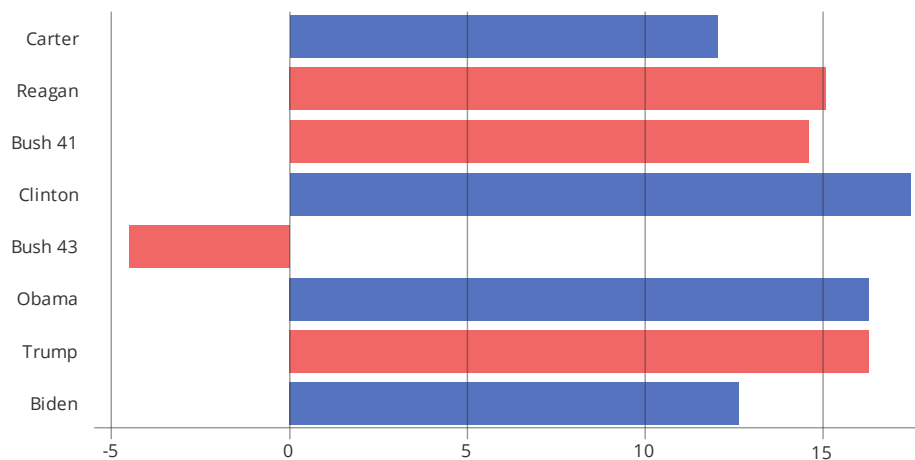
Volatility was a predominant feature of the equity markets in October. Amid ongoing muted earnings reports for the third quarter of 2024, much of the news has been concentrated squarely on the U.S. election. With polls up until November 5<sup>th</sup> consistently indicating an ultra-tight race between Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Kamala Harris, the most enduring outcome is a deeply divided American populace.

### “INVESTORS SHOULD IGNORE THE ELECTION NOISE”

We concur with this advice opined by Richard Bernstein in the *Financial Times* on November 3, 2024. Historically, presidents have had limited impact on financial market returns. Since the 1970s, the U.S. stock market has performed well regardless of the party or who occupied the White House. Only during George W Bush’s presidential term did the S&P 500 record negative returns; however, that period incorporated the aftermath of the internet bubble burst and the bulk of the great financial crisis of 2008.

#### US stock tend to perform well regardless of who is president

S&P 500 annualised total return by presidential term\* (%)



Source: Financial Times  
 Richard Bernstein Advisors, Bloomberg - \*Measured by inauguration dates  
 Data correct as of 31 October 2024

As Richard Bernstein explains: *“Investors sometimes anticipate that a candidate’s proposed policies and regulatory framework will hit sector returns, but history again suggests presidents do not have as much influence on sectors as is commonly thought. In fact, sector returns are sometimes the exact opposite of what was anticipated pre-election.*

*For example, Trump denigrated the technology sector in his 2016 campaign and pushed to expand US energy production. But technology turned out to be the best-performing sector during his administration and energy the worst. Joe Biden entered the White House emphasizing clean energy and other environmental, social and governance priorities. Yet energy, a sector dominated by traditional producers, has so far been his term’s top-performing sector.”*

Over the long-term, we believe fundamentals including earnings and valuations prove more important than politics in determining investment performance. As such, we remain focused on researching and investing in companies that meet our “Growth at a Reasonable Price” criteria. We continue to engage in active stock selection rather than macro-driven investment decisions.

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

In October, the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F, declined -2.1%. The Fund underperformed the S&P 500 which fell -0.9%, the S&P 400 MidCap which depreciated -0.7%, and the NASDAQ Composite which was down -0.5%; yet outperformed the S&P 600 SmallCap which decreased -2.6%. Due to the strengthening of the U.S. currency last month, in Canadian dollars, the Fund gained 0.7% versus the S&P 500’s 2.0% return.

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES F

The North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, declined -1.5% compared to a return of 0.9% for the S&P/TSX Composite Index during October.

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 or upgrade the portfolio.

## North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund

### SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>2.99</b>	<b>11.99</b>	<b>22.03</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series D)</b>	<b>0.67</b>	<b>2.91</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>21.72</b>
S&P 500 in \$CDN	1.97	4.47	15.49	27.28
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>-2.14</b>	<b>2.20</b>	<b>10.62</b>	<b>15.98</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series D)</b>	<b>-2.17</b>	<b>2.12</b>	<b>10.45</b>	<b>15.69</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	-0.91	3.66	14.08	20.97

### ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)</b>	<b>36.96</b>	<b>7.76</b>	<b>13.05</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>13.86</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series D)</b>	<b>36.55</b>	<b>7.44</b>	<b>12.72</b>	<b>12.73</b>	<b>13.44</b>
S&P 500 \$CDN	38.46	13.41	16.57	15.41	16.02
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>36.52</b>	<b>3.65</b>	<b>11.80</b>	<b>10.72</b>	<b>11.76</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series D)</b>	<b>36.11</b>	<b>3.35</b>	<b>11.46</b>	<b>10.38</b>	<b>11.35</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	38.02	9.08	15.27	13.00	13.88

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of October 31, 2024

\*Date of inception: October 23, 2009.

## North Growth Canadian Equity Fund

### SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>-1.45</b>	<b>-2.07</b>	<b>11.05</b>	<b>12.22</b>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series D</b>	<b>-1.48</b>	<b>-2.14</b>	<b>10.89</b>	<b>11.94</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	0.85	5.30	12.95	18.24

### ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2024

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus*
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>26.01</b>	<b>1.68</b>	<b>10.83</b>	<b>8.55</b>	<b>11.63</b>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series D</b>	<b>25.64</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>10.50</b>	<b>8.21</b>	<b>11.04</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	32.06	8.05	11.33	8.41	9.44

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of October 31, 2024

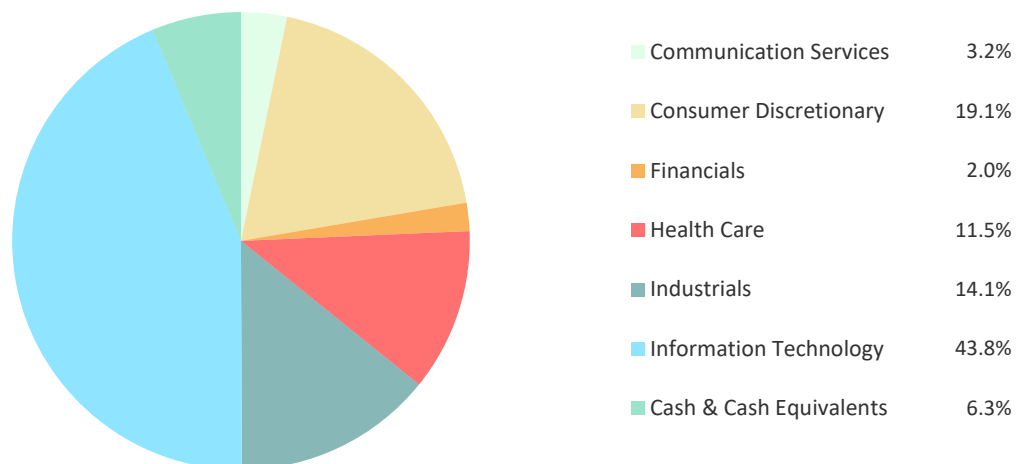
\* The S&P/TSX Composite Index since Prospectus return is calculated from the Series F date of prospectus inception, June 15, 2012. The Series D date of prospectus inception is June 29, 2012

## Equity Fund Holdings and Composition

### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Jabil Inc.	6.41
2	Ciena Corp.	6.08
3	Applied Materials Inc.	5.36
4	Coherent Corp.	4.64
5	Motorola Solutions Inc.	4.61
6	Brinker International Inc.	3.28
7	HP Inc.	3.07
8	Booking Holdings Inc.	2.92
9	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	2.53
10	Qualcomm Inc.	2.53
<b>Top 10</b>		<b>41.64</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>93.69</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>6.31</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

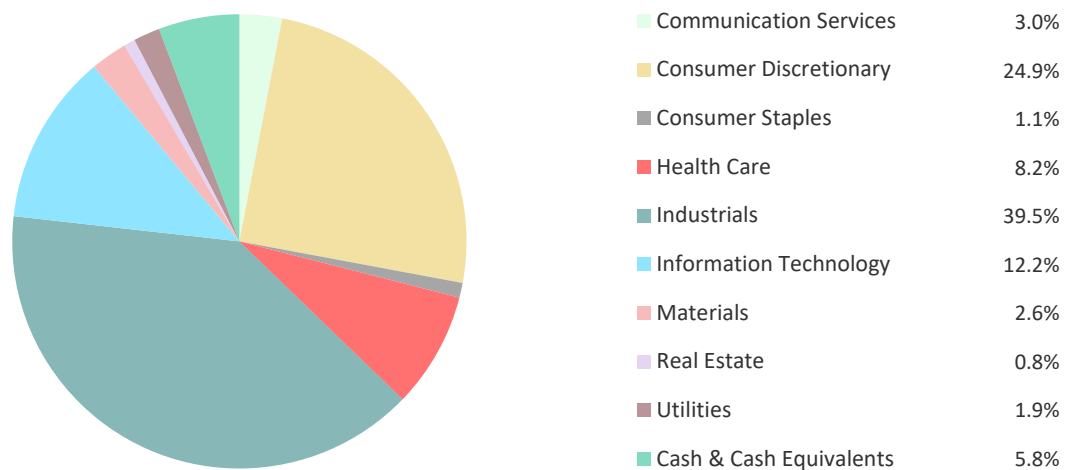
### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024



## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	9.10
2	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	8.74
3	TFI International Inc.	6.89
4	Aritzia Inc.	5.73
5	ATS Corporation	5.62
6	Calian Group Ltd.	4.94
7	CAE Inc.	4.54
8	Open Text Corporation	4.34
9	Bird Construction Inc.	4.18
10	Zymeworks Inc.	3.99
<b>Top 10</b>		<b>58.07</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>94.24</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>5.76</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024





# 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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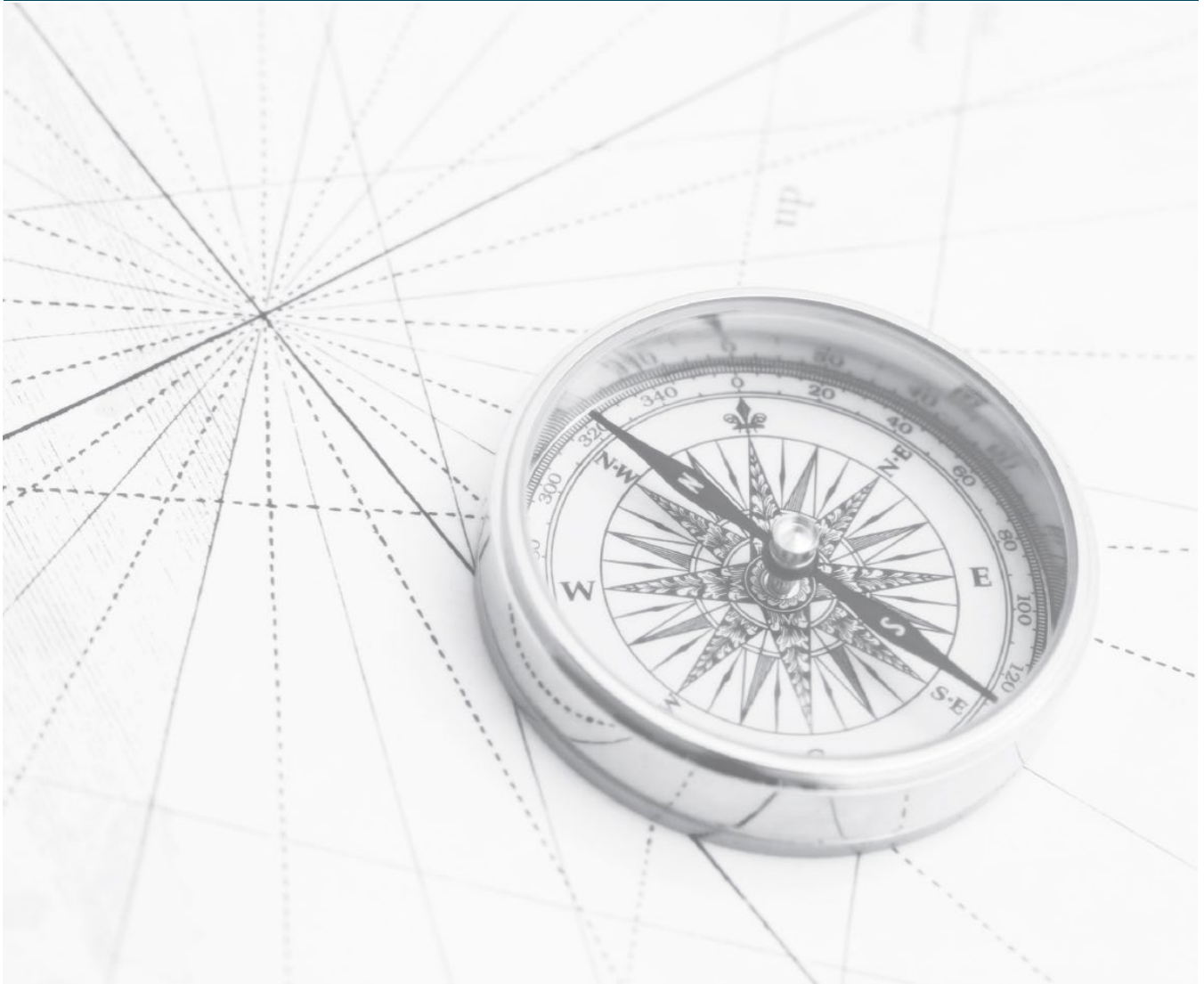
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