



NORTH GROWTH
MANAGEMENT



OCTOBER 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Market and Fund Performance Update

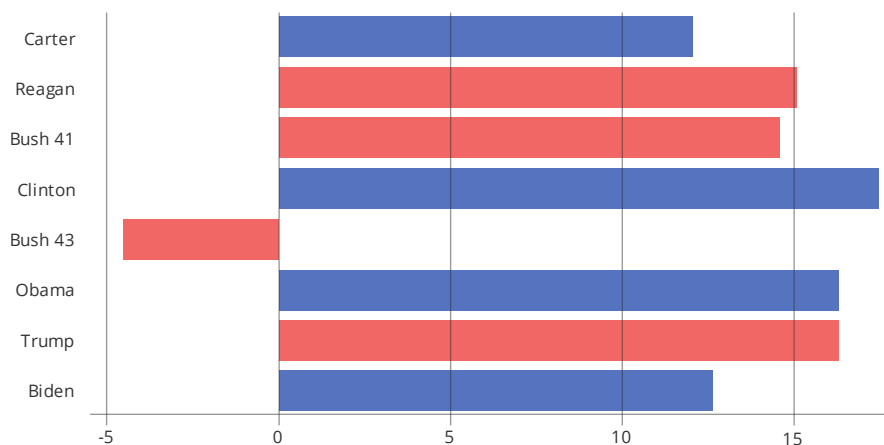
Volatility was a predominant feature of the equity markets in October. Amid ongoing muted earnings reports for the third quarter of 2024, much of the news has been concentrated squarely on the U.S. election. With polls up until November 5th consistently indicating an ultra-tight race between Republican 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 emphasising 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.

TAX INFORMATION UPDATE

Friday, December 13th is the distribution date for both the North Growth U.S. Equity Fund and the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund.

We continue to anticipate that there will be no annual capital gains distribution but a modest income distribution for the U.S. Equity Fund. And we continue to estimate that the distribution for the Canadian Equity Fund will be between 1% and 5% per unit. We will publish the final distribution amounts in the November monthly report on Monday, December 16th.

All distributions by the Equity Funds are automatically invested in units of the respective Funds. If you would like to receive your distributions in cash, please notify us in writing by Friday, November 29th.

Any questions regarding the distributions should be directed to our CFO, Rachid Nayel, at 604-688-5440 or rachid@northgrowth.com.

U.S. EQUITY FUND

In October, the North Growth U.S. Equity Fund declined -2.2%. 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 N

The North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N, 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 Fund

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

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$CDN	0.69	2.85	11.80	21.57
S&P 500 in \$CDN	1.97	4.47	15.49	27.28
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$U.S.	-2.16	2.06	10.43	15.54
S&P 500 \$U.S.	-0.91	3.66	14.08	20.97
S&P 400 MidCap \$U.S.	-0.71	0.36	9.10	12.74
S&P 600 SmallCap \$U.S.	-2.64	-3.22	10.07	6.45
NASDAQ Composite \$U.S.	-0.49	3.00	15.99	21.24

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

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	15 Yrs	20 Yrs	Since Inception
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$CDN	36.46	7.43	12.73	12.92	14.06	10.46	12.64
S&P 500 \$CDN	38.46	13.41	16.57	15.41	16.15	11.32	11.08
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$U.S.	36.02	3.33	11.48	10.56	12.16	9.73	12.25
S&P 500 \$U.S.	38.02	9.08	15.27	13.00	14.22	10.58	10.69
S&P 400 MidCap \$U.S.	32.99	5.19	11.37	9.86	12.60	10.18	11.72
S&P 600 SmallCap \$U.S.	30.00	1.92	9.20	9.01	12.31	9.44	10.91
NASDAQ Composite \$U.S.	41.93	6.16	17.86	15.77	16.94	12.94	11.35*

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

* This return is a simple price appreciation because total return data is not available on Bloomberg.

The inception of the Fund: October 13, 1992.

	October 31, 2024
Unit Price	\$ 63.33 CDN / \$ 45.51 US
Total Assets in Fund	\$ 708.2 Million CDN

North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N

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

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N	-1.48	-2.14	10.89	11.94
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
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N	25.64	1.37	10.50	8.27	11.39
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 prospectus inception of the Fund: June 15, 2012.

	October 31, 2024
Unit Price	\$ 26.24 CDN
Total Assets in Fund	\$ 46.4 Million CDN

North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund

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

	Current Yield*	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	15 Yrs
North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund	3.84	4.74	3.45	2.25	1.59	1.30
30 Day Treasury Bill	N/A	4.92	3.51	2.29	1.60	1.33

** The Current Yield for the Money Market Fund is the average of the annualized daily yield for the most recent seven day period. This measure is no longer available for the 30-day T-Bill Index.*

We take a very simple approach to managing the North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund. We invest in a portfolio of high-quality short-term bonds. The average maturity of the portfolio is often around 30 days. Historically, the Fund has generated very competitive yields with this simple approach because of our 0.25% management fee.

We manage the portfolio to ensure high liquidity and have no intention to extend maturities or reduce the quality of the holdings. We believe the Fund has superior liquidity characteristics due to its very low average maturity. The North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund's yield tends to correspond with changes in the Bank of Canada's overnight rate.

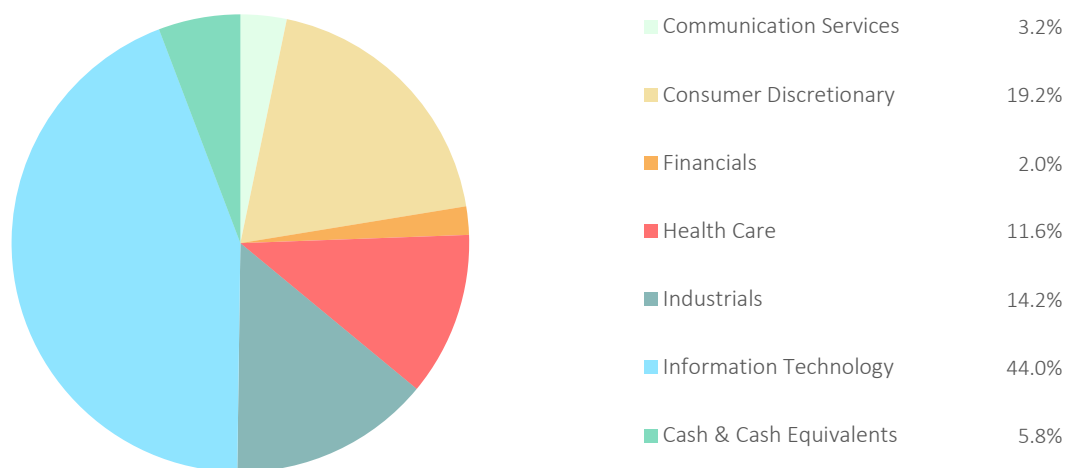
The current yield quoted above is net of the management fee.

Equity Fund Holdings and Composition

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

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Jabil Inc.	6.45
2	Ciena Corp.	6.12
3	Applied Materials Inc.	5.39
4	Coherent Corp.	4.64
5	Motorola Solutions Inc.	4.64
6	Brinker International Inc.	3.30
7	HP Inc.	3.09
8	Booking Holdings Inc.	2.92
9	Qualcomm Inc.	2.55
10	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	2.54
Top 10		41.64
Total Equities		94.21
Cash		5.79
Total Assets		100.00

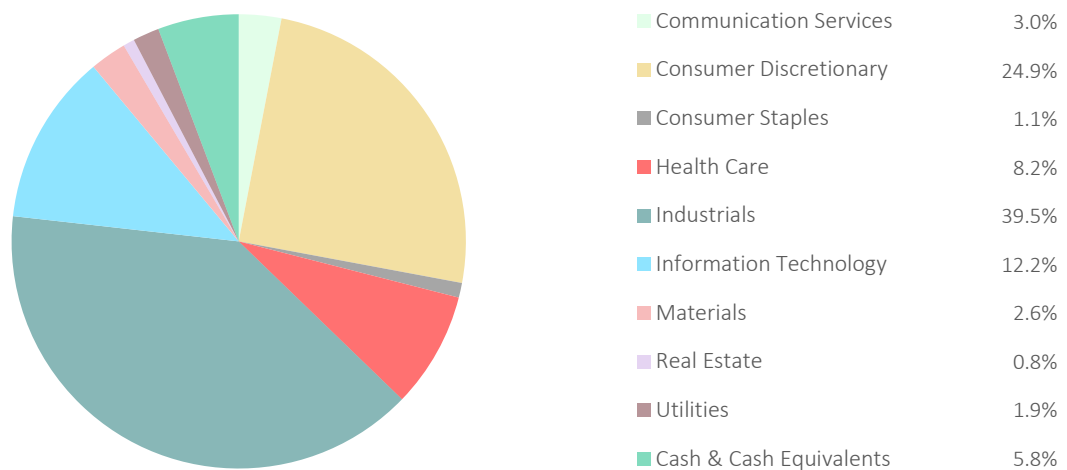
U.S. EQUITY FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2024



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
Top 10		58.07
Total Equities		94.24
Cash		5.76
Total Assets		100.00

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.

CONDUCTING TRANSACTIONS

The settlement cycles in the Canadian and U.S. securities industries have been shortened from trade date plus two business days to trade date plus one business day (“T+1”). Accordingly, the settlement cycles for the North Growth Funds have also changed to T+1.

To accommodate these shorter settlement cycles, the cut-off time for same-day equity fund transactions is two hours before the applicable market closes, normally 2 p.m. Eastern Time or 11 a.m. Pacific Time, and for same-day Money Market Fund redemptions is 1 p.m. Eastern Time or 10 a.m. Pacific Time. However, redemption requests for amounts equal to or greater than 10% of the Fund’s net asset value require five business days notice. Please note that U.S. markets close early on the day before Independence Day and on the Friday after U.S. Thanksgiving and both U.S. and Canadian markets close early on Christmas Eve. The cut-off time on those days is 12 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time or 9 a.m. Pacific Time. Orders received after the applicable cut-off time will be processed on the next business day.

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WHERE TO FIND NGM FUND PRICES

Please visit www.northgrowth.com to view the Funds’ daily prices or to be added to our e-mail list to receive daily notification of the Funds’ prices.

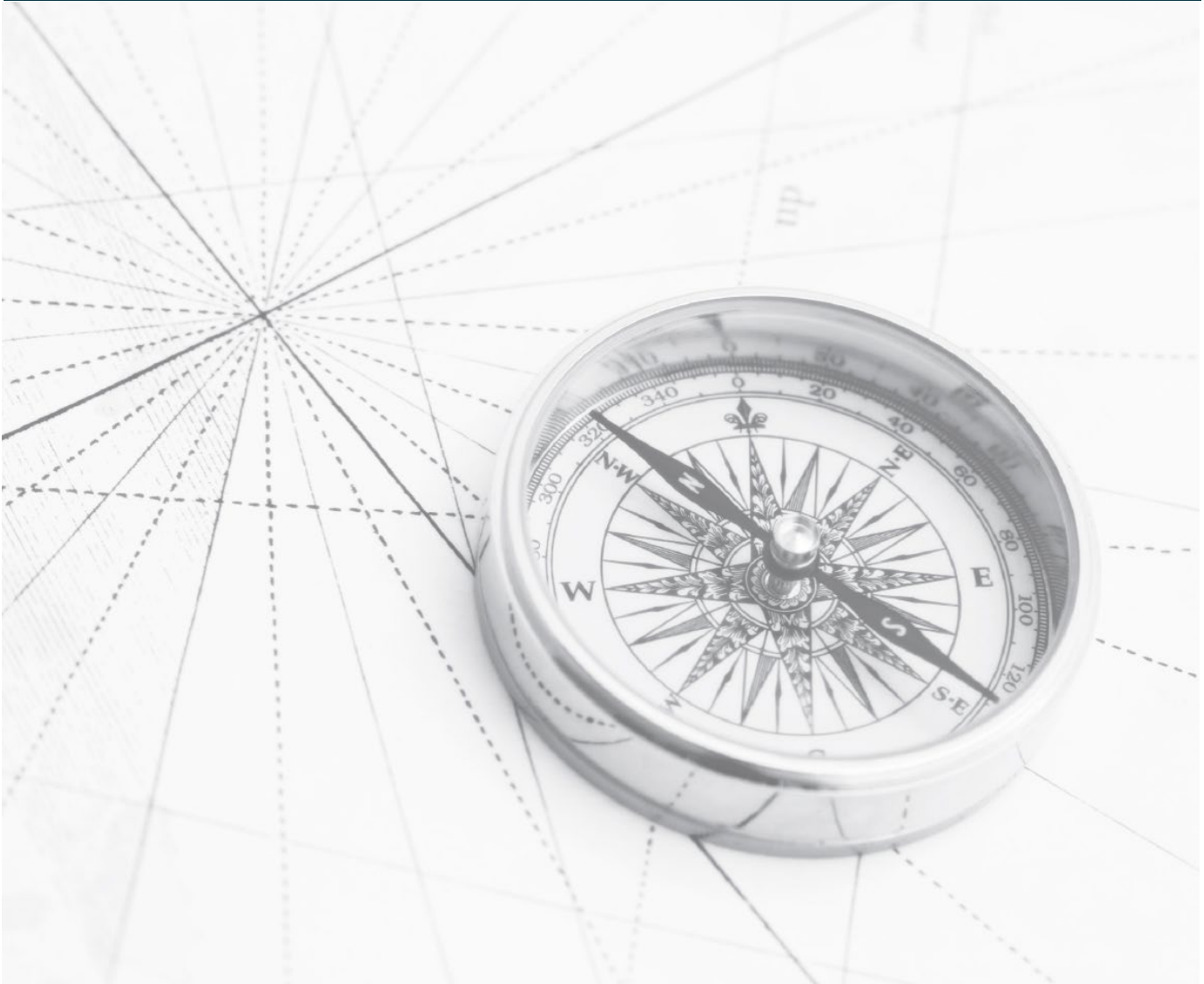


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