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## NOVEMBER 2024 MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 16, 2024



## Market and Fund Performance Update

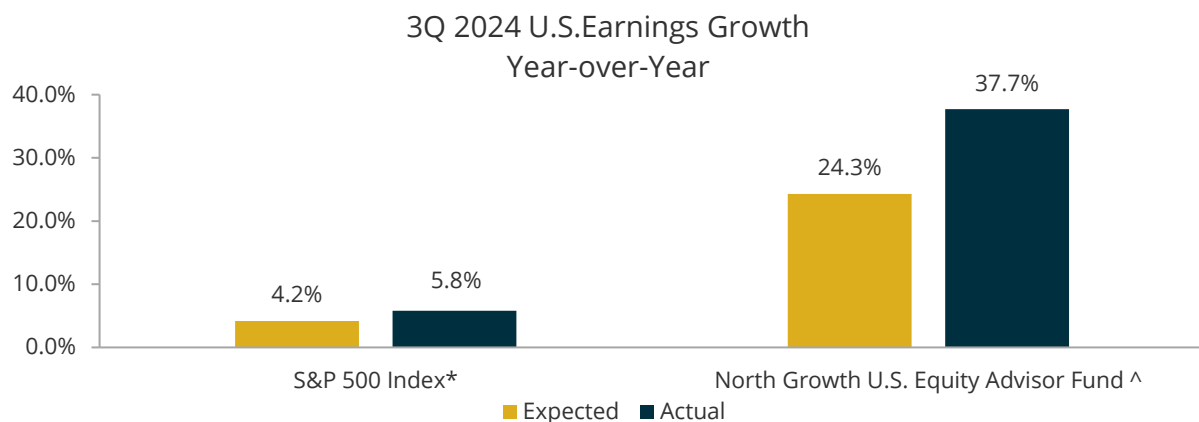
Equities rallied spectacularly in November on the heels of Donald Trump's decisive election victory. U.S. small-cap stocks and interest-rate sensitive sectors outperformed especially after a few massive technology shares drove most of the market gains during the year. To date, the Russell 2000 index of small U.S. equities and the equal-weighted version of the S&P 500 continue to lag the market cap-weighted S&P 500 for 2024 overall.

### THIRD QUARTER EARNINGS

For the most part, corporate earnings remain resilient despite cautious business outlooks given the enormous amount of macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty. The third quarter of 2024 marked the fifth straight quarter of year-over-year earnings growth reported by the S&P 500 index. With interest rates projected in a downward trend, analysts anticipate higher earnings growth starting in the fourth quarter and continuing through 2025.

As of December 13<sup>th</sup>, earnings for the S&P 500 companies grew 5.9% in the July to September period while sales increased 5.6%. FactSet data indicates that 75% of the reporting companies posted actual earnings per share (EPS) above estimates. Seven of the eleven sectors reported year-over-year earnings growth, led by the Communication Services, Health Care, and Consumer Discretionary sectors.

The North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund delivered outstanding earnings results in the latest quarter. To date, 91% of the portfolio has reported, and 84% of the profit reports have exceeded analysts' estimates. Earnings on a weighted-average basis grew 37.7% over a year ago, ahead of estimates of a 24.3% increase.



\*Source for S&P 500 Index: FactSet Earnings Insight

^ As of December 9, 2024

Overall, the profit growth rate of the U.S. Equity Advisor Fund continues to compare favourably against that of the index. We believe that despite being macro-economically sensitive, the earnings profiles of both the North Growth U.S. and Canadian equity portfolios are solid and broad-based.

## FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

This year, Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> was the distribution date for the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund and North Growth Canadian Equity Fund. The distribution for the U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F is 0.3% of the closing unit price on December 13<sup>th</sup>, or \$0.21 per unit (all income). For the Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, the distribution is 2.8% of the closing unit price on December 13<sup>th</sup> or \$0.77 per unit (consisting of \$0.15 income and \$0.62 capital gains).

Unitholders who hold the North Growth Funds in non-registered accounts can expect to receive their T-3 tax slips by mail in the early part of February. Quebec residents will also receive a Releve 16: Trust income (R-16) slip.

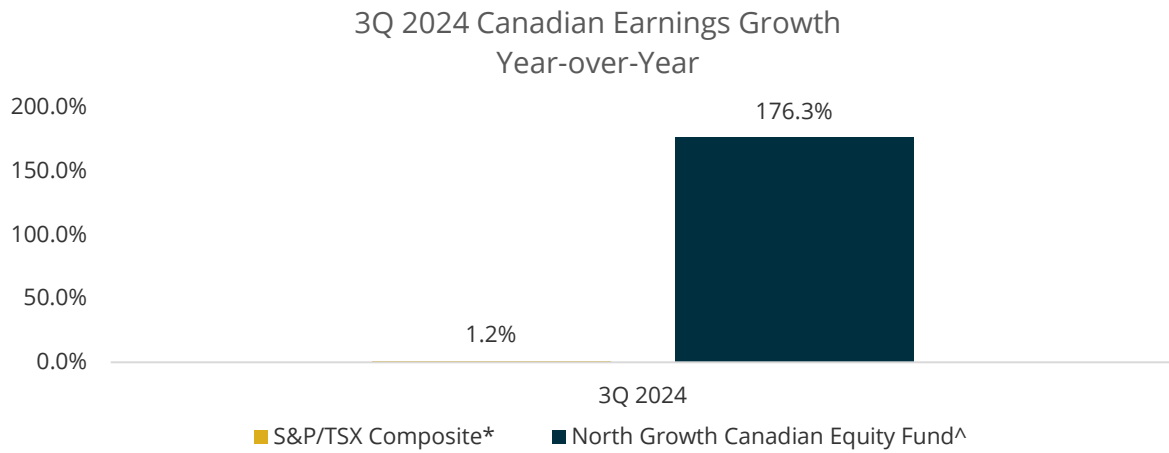
## U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND, SERIES F

In November, the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F, gained 8.3%. For the month, the Fund outperformed the S&P 500 which advanced 5.9% and the NASDAQ Composite which was up 6.3%, but lagged the smaller-capitalization indices, the S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap, which increased 8.8% and 10.9% respectively. In Canadian dollars, the Fund gained 9.0% versus the S&P 500's monthly return of 6.6%.

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES F

In November, the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, gained 5.1%, lagging the S&P/TSX Composite which rose 6.4%. Year-to-date, the Fund is up 17.6% versus the S&P/TSX Composite's appreciation of 25.8%.

Despite underperforming the benchmark year-to-date, the Canadian Fund's earnings growth has remained consistently above that of the S&P/TSX Composite. With 96% of the portfolio having reported, third quarter earnings grew 176.3% over a year ago. By comparison, the S&P/TSX Composite's earnings increased only 1.2% over the same period year-over-year.



*\*Source for S&P/TSX Composite Index: Bloomberg*

*^ As of December 9, 2024*

As always, we continue to adhere strictly to our “Growth at a Reasonable Price” investment philosophy, taking advantage of opportunities where we see dislocations between fundamentals and valuations.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Everyone at North Growth wishes you and yours all the joys of the holiday season and best wishes for 2025!

## North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund

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

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)</b>	<b>8.97</b>	<b>13.66</b>	<b>14.98</b>	<b>32.98</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series D)</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>13.58</b>	<b>14.81</b>	<b>32.61</b>
S&P 500 in \$CDN	6.59	11.27	18.22	35.66
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>8.24</b>	<b>9.45</b>	<b>11.92</b>	<b>25.53</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series D)</b>	<b>8.22</b>	<b>9.37</b>	<b>11.75</b>	<b>25.19</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	5.87	7.15	15.07	28.07

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

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)</b>	<b>39.77</b>	<b>10.35</b>	<b>14.21</b>	<b>13.43</b>	<b>14.43</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series D)</b>	<b>39.35</b>	<b>10.03</b>	<b>13.87</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>14.01</b>
S&P 500 \$CDN	38.11	14.87	17.00	15.67	16.41
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>35.50</b>	<b>7.06</b>	<b>13.01</b>	<b>11.16</b>	<b>12.28</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series D)</b>	<b>35.09</b>	<b>6.74</b>	<b>12.67</b>	<b>10.81</b>	<b>11.87</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	33.89	11.44	15.77	13.35	14.23

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

\*Date of inception: October 23, 2009.

## North Growth Canadian Equity Fund

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

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>5.07</b>	<b>6.08</b>	<b>11.52</b>	<b>17.91</b>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series D</b>	<b>5.05</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>11.35</b>	<b>17.59</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	6.37	10.66	16.91	25.77

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

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus*
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>24.30</b>	<b>5.27</b>	<b>10.49</b>	<b>8.77</b>	<b>11.99</b>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series D</b>	<b>23.93</b>	<b>4.96</b>	<b>10.16</b>	<b>8.44</b>	<b>11.41</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	30.69	10.90	11.92	8.96	9.92

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

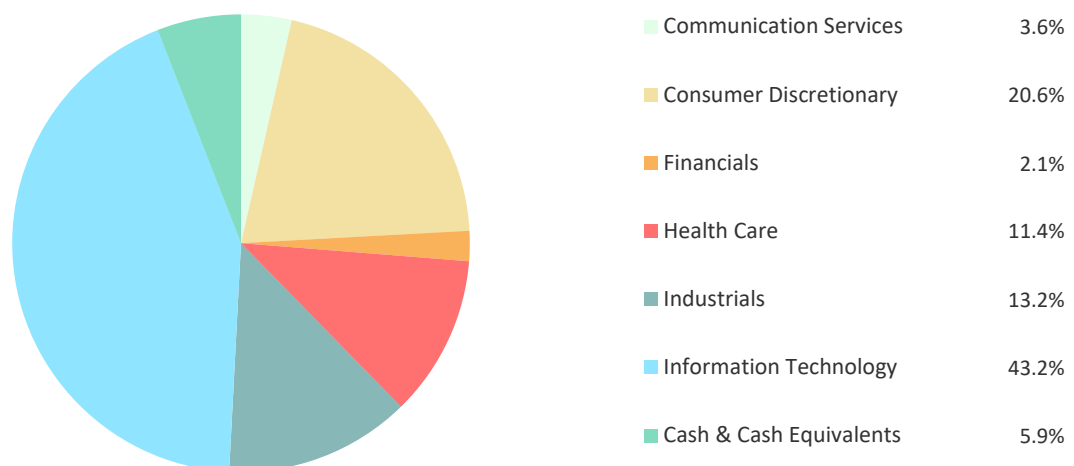
\* The S&P/TSX Composite Index since Prospectus return is calculated from the Series F date of prospectus inception, June 15, 2012. The Series D date of prospectus inception is June 29, 2012

## Equity Fund Holdings and Composition

### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2024

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Jabil Inc.	6.47
2	Ciena Corp.	6.10
3	Applied Materials Inc.	4.71
4	Coherent Corp.	4.60
5	Motorola Solutions Inc.	4.24
6	Brinker International Inc.	3.86
7	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	3.15
8	Booking Holdings Inc.	2.97
9	HP Inc.	2.80
10	Tapestry Inc.	2.42
<b>Top 10</b>		<b>41.32</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>92.47</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>7.53</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2024

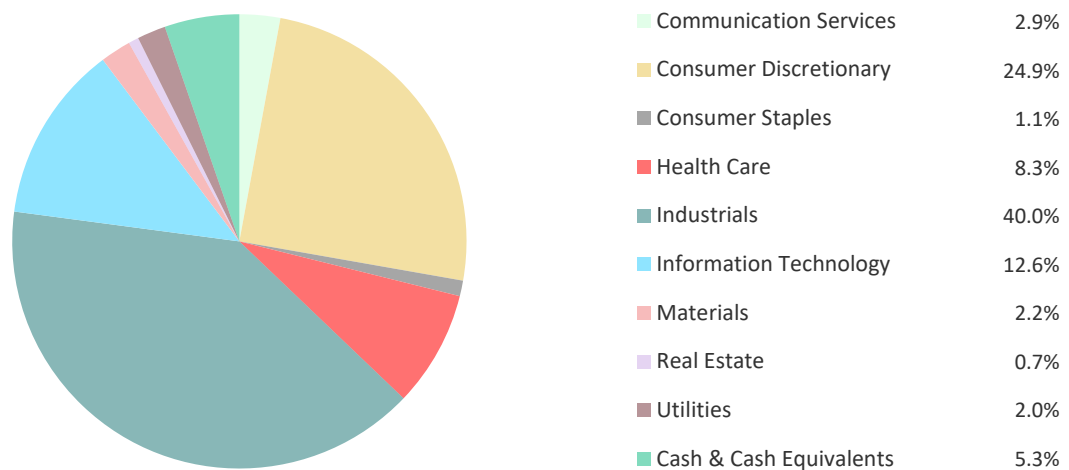




## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 2024

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	8.96
2	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	8.55
3	TFI International Inc.	7.63
4	ATS Corporation	5.98
5	Aritzia Inc.	5.77
6	CAE Inc.	4.77
7	Bird Construction Inc.	4.67
8	Constellation Software Inc.	4.15
9	Open Text Corporation	4.03
10	Zymeworks Inc.	3.99
<b>Top 10</b>		<b>58.50</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>94.68</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>5.32</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT NOVEMBER 30, 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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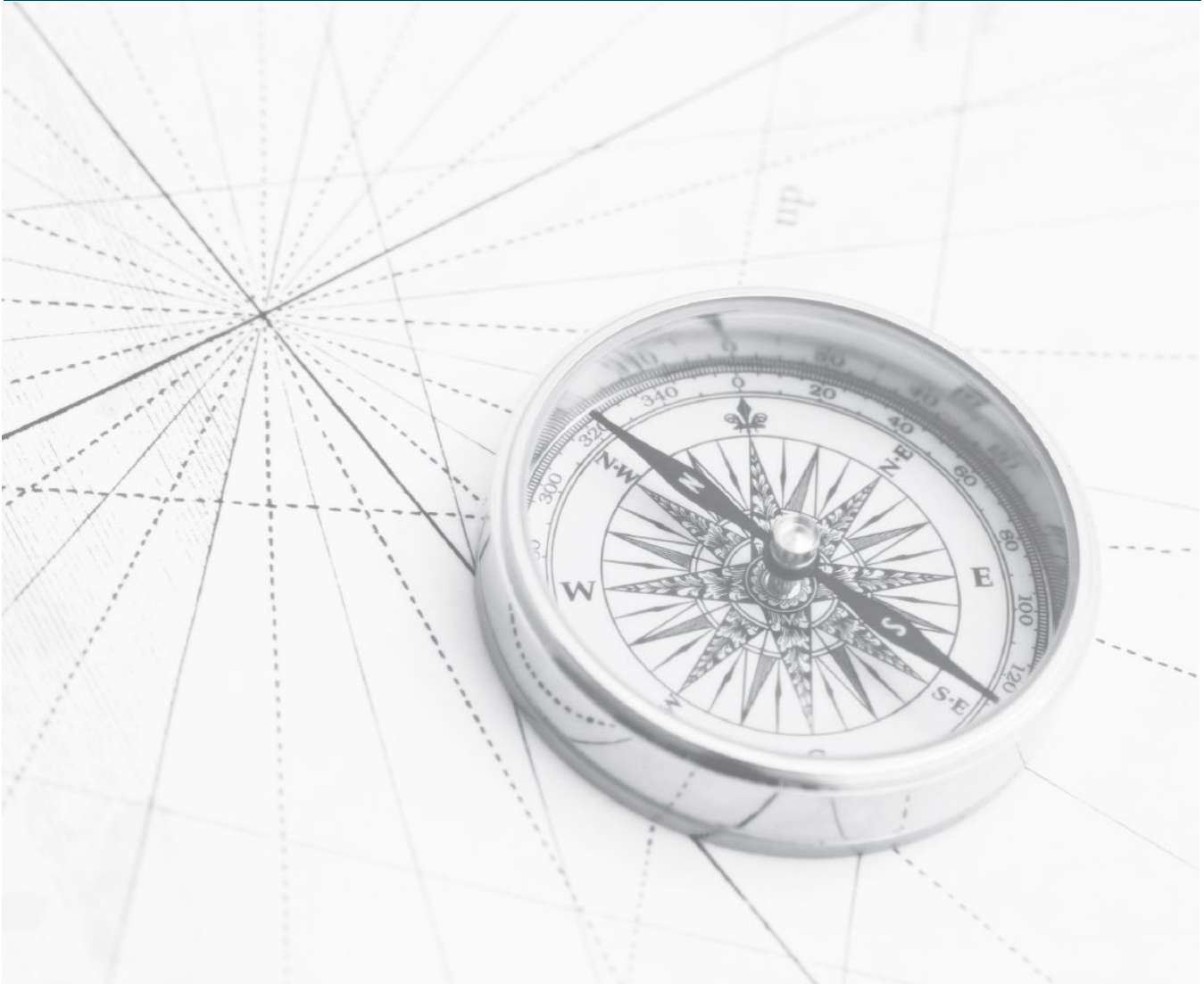
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