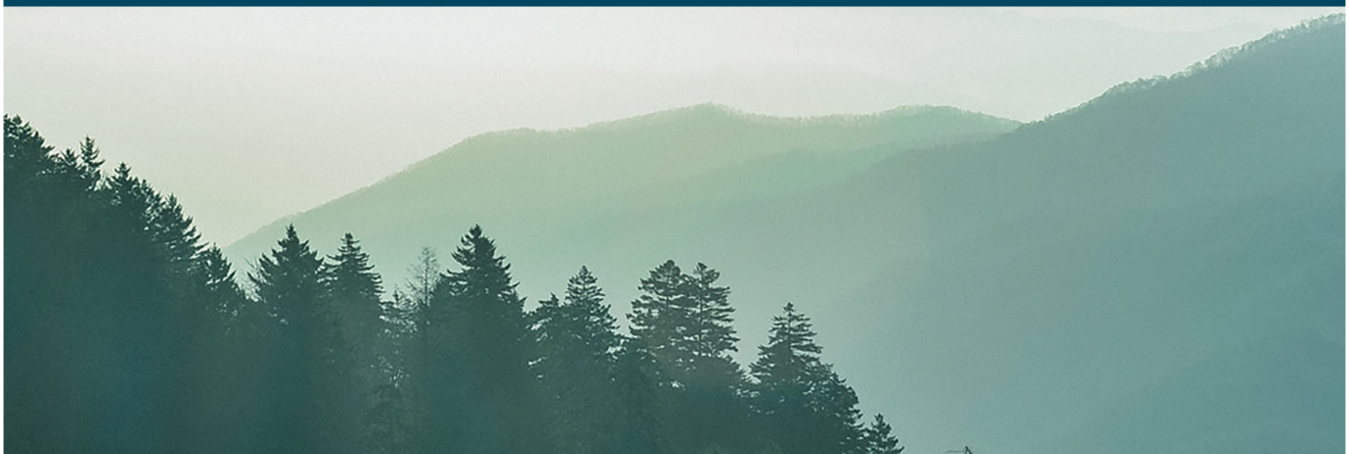
NORTH GROWTH MANAGEMENT



# SEPTEMBER 2025 MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 7, 2025

# Market and Fund Performance Update

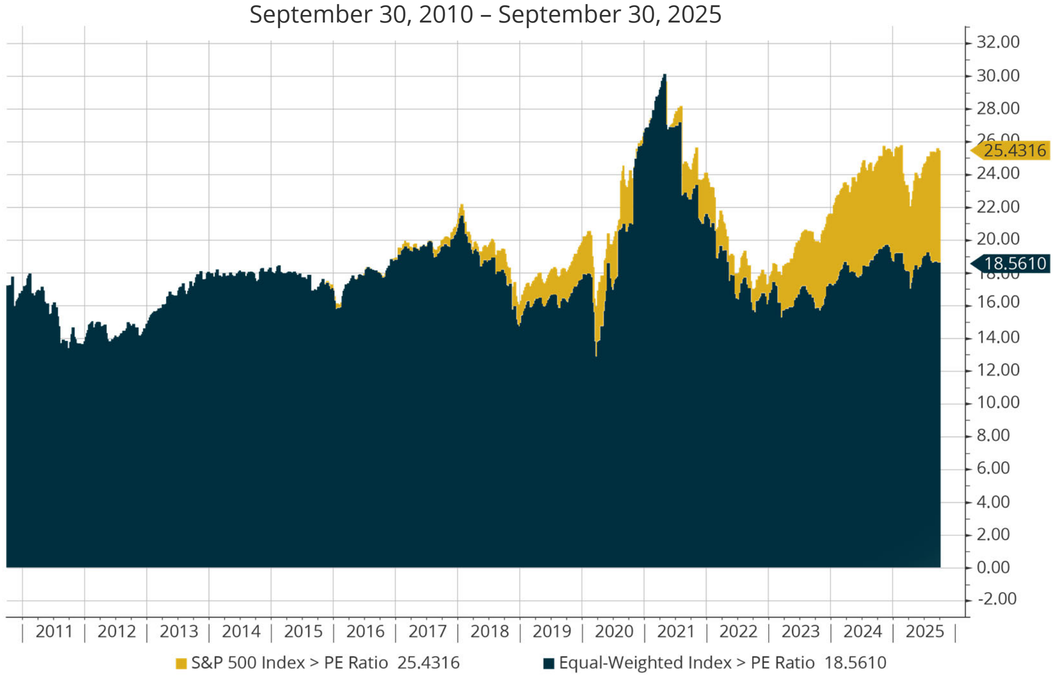
Last month, stocks extended their gains with the S&P 500 logging its best September in 15 years. The U.S. market rally continued to be supported by the AI (artificial intelligence) theme, as investors largely overlooked a slowing labour market, the risk of stagflation (inflation plus a stagnating economy), and elevated stock valuations.

## A DISTORTED U.S. MARKET MULTIPLE FROM BIFURCATION

Undeniably, stock multiples in the U.S. are stretched with the S&P 500's P/E (price/earnings) ratio at the high end of its historical range. However, given that the market has become increasingly concentrated over the past few years, there are neglected pockets where numerous equities have underperformed and are trading at reasonable valuations.

As illustrated by the chart below, as of September 30, 2025, the trailing P/E multiple of the S&P 500 at 25.4 is meaningfully higher than that of the equal-weighted S&P 500 (treating all 500 constituents at equal capitalization weights) at 18.6. Over the past 15 years, the divergence in stock valuations has become more pronounced as market performance has bifurcated.

Equal-weighted S&P 500 P/E vs S&P 500 P/E Ratio
September 30, 2010 – September 30, 2025



*Source: Bloomberg*

The relative underperformance of the majority of the equities in the index provides a healthy backdrop for researching and identifying investment opportunities. As always, we remain focused on individual stock analysis, engaging in active security selection that adheres to our "Growth at a Reasonable Price" investment philosophy.

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

In September, the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F appreciated 6.5%. The Fund outperformed all the indices we regularly track: the S&P 500 which gained 3.7%, the smaller capitalization S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap which were up 0.5% and 1.0% respectively, as well as the NASDAQ Composite which advanced 5.7%. In Canadian dollars, the Fund increased 7.9% versus the S&P 500's 5.0% monthly return.

Year-to-date, the Fund is up 15.7%. The Fund has outperformed the S&P 500, S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap indices, which appreciated 14.8%, 5.8% and 4.2% respectively, while lagging the NASDAQ which advanced 18.0% during the same period. In Canadian dollars, the Fund has gained 11.9% versus the S&P 500 which is up 11.1%.

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES F

In September, the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, returned 5.4% versus 5.4% for the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX Composite was led by Materials, Energy and Financials which contributed over 95% of the index's monthly return. Year-to-date, the Fund is up 19.3%, lagging the S&P/TSX Composite's 23.9% gain over the same period.

We continue to abide by our "Growth at a Reasonable Price" investment philosophy which guides our stock picking and has helped us generate long-term outperformance. We view any pullbacks in the market as opportunities to add to or upgrade the portfolio.

## NORTH GROWTH BALANCED FUND

We are excited to announce that the North Growth Balanced Fund, launched on August 18th, 2025 and is now available through FundServ.

The Fund will seek to provide capital preservation and moderate long-term growth through a diversified allocation to high-quality, short-term fixed income securities and a disciplined, research-driven portfolio of North American equities.

We have adopted a promotional fee structure that rewards early investors while committing to lower costs as the Fund scales:

- 0.95% MER (Management Expense Ratio) —for the first four months the fund is publicly available, the Manager will rebate 0.75 bps of the MER to the fund, providing early investors cost-effective access with a reduced 0.20% MER until December 31, 2025.
- 0.70% MER — Once the fund reaches $25+ million in assets under management (AUM) for three consecutive months, the MER will be reduced to 0.70% on a permanent basis.

# North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund

## SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $CDN (Series F)** | **7.88** | **14.08** | **23.72** | **12.21** |
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $CDN (Series A+)** | **7.85** | **13.99** | **23.54** | **11.96** |
| S&P 500 in $CDN | 4.96 | 10.29 | 16.12 | 11.06 |
| | | | | |
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $U.S. (Series F)** | **6.53** | **11.84** | **27.81** | **16.02** |
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $U.S. (Series A+)** | **6.50** | **11.76** | **27.62** | **15.76** |
| S&P 500 $U.S. | 3.65 | 8.12 | 19.96 | 14.83 |

## ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs | Since Inception* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $CDN (Series F)** | **23.51** | **25.28** | **13.88** | **13.90** | **14.47** |
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $CDN (Series A+)** | **23.14** | **24.91** | **13.54** | **13.56** | **14.06** |
| S&P 500 $CDN | 21.02 | 25.25 | 17.46 | 15.79 | 16.27 |
| | | | | | |
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $U.S. (Series F)** | **20.02** | **24.96** | **12.92** | **13.42** | **12.48** |
| **North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund $U.S. (Series A+)** | **19.66** | **24.60** | **12.59** | **13.08** | **12.07** |
| S&P 500 $U.S. | 17.60 | 24.94 | 16.47 | 15.30 | 14.25 |

*Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of September 30, 2025*
*+ Formerly Series D*
**Date of inception: October 23, 2009.*

# North Growth Canadian Equity Fund

## SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| | 1 Month | 3 Months | 6 Months | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F** | **5.38** | **12.63** | **33.20** | **19.29** |
| **North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series A+** | **5.35** | **12.55** | **33.01** | **19.04** |
| S&P/TSX Composite Index | 5.40 | 12.50 | 22.09 | 23.94 |

## ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| | 1 Yr | 3 Yrs | 5 Yrs | 10 Yrs | Since Prospectus* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F** | **21.57** | **16.03** | **13.78** | **12.17** | **12.55** |
| **North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series A+** | **21.22** | **15.69** | **13.45** | **11.83** | **11.98** |
| S&P/TSX Composite Index | 28.60 | 21.31 | 16.68 | 11.82 | 10.77 |

*Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of September 30, 2025*

*+ Formerly Series D*

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

# Equity Fund Holdings and Composition

## U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — HOLDINGS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| Ranking | Security | % of Net Assets |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Ciena Corp. | 7.63 |
| 2 | Jabil Inc. | 7.06 |
| 3 | Applied Materials Inc. | 4.76 |
| 4 | Lumentum Holdings Inc. | 4.00 |
| 5 | Motorola Solutions Inc. | 3.51 |
| 6 | Coherent Corp. | 3.48 |
| 7 | Booking Holdings Inc. | 2.93 |
| 8 | Somnigroup International Inc. | 2.86 |
| 9 | Johnson Controls International plc. | 2.68 |
| 10 | Tapestry Inc. | 2.64 |
| 11 | Brinker International Inc. | 2.58 |
| 12 | Nvidia Corp. | 2.49 |
| 13 | Electronic Arts Inc. | 2.32 |
| 14 | HP Inc. | 2.06 |
| 15 | Jacobs Solutions Inc. | 2.04 |
| 16 | Ulta Beauty Inc. | 2.01 |
| 17 | Qualcomm Inc. | 1.92 |
| 18 | NVR Inc. | 1.82 |
| 19 | Global Payments Inc. | 1.79 |
| 20 | Watts Water Technologies Inc. | 1.79 |
| 21 | Integer Holdings Corporation | 1.72 |
| 22 | Texas Instruments Inc. | 1.69 |
| 23 | United Rentals, Inc. | 1.64 |
| 24 | Abercrombie & Fitch Co. | 1.63 |
| 25 | Warner Bros. Discovery Inc. | 1.63 |
| 26 | Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc. | 1.61 |
| 27 | AutoZone, Inc. | 1.60 |
| 28 | InMode Ltd. | 1.57 |

| Ranking | Security | % of Net Assets |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | Microsoft Corporation | 1.56 |
| 30 | West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc. | 1.44 |
| 31 | Apple Inc. | 1.41 |
| 32 | IQVIA Holdings Inc. | 1.34 |
| 33 | Arhaus Inc. | 1.19 |
| 34 | Elevance Health, Inc. | 1.15 |
| 35 | Crocs, Inc. | 1.14 |
| 36 | FedEx Corp. | 1.08 |
| 37 | Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc. | 0.97 |
| 38 | Atkore Inc. | 0.95 |
| 39 | NIKE Inc. | 0.95 |
| 40 | Align Technology, Inc. | 0.92 |
| 41 | Biogen Inc. | 0.76 |
| 42 | Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc. | 0.69 |
| 43 | First Solar Inc. | 0.53 |
| 44 | Masterbrand, Inc. | 0.46 |
| 45 | Amentum Holdings Inc. | 0.37 |
| | **Total Equities** | **92.37** |
| | **Cash** | **7.63** |
| | **Total Assets** | **100.00** |

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — HOLDINGS AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

| Ranking | Security | % of Net Assets |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bombardier Inc., Class B | 9.61 |
| 2 | Leon's Furniture Ltd. | 7.72 |
| 3 | Bird Construction Inc. | 7.44 |
| 4 | Constellation Software Inc. | 4.95 |
| 5 | ATS Corporation | 4.83 |
| 6 | Zymeworks Inc. | 4.08 |
| 7 | Aritzia Inc. | 3.47 |
| 8 | CAE Inc. | 3.45 |
| 9 | AutoCanada Inc. | 3.10 |
| 10 | Canadian National Railway Company | 3.04 |
| 11 | Restaurant Brands International | 3.02 |
| 12 | MDA Space Ltd. | 3.01 |
| 13 | TFI International Inc. | 3.00 |
| 14 | Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd. | 3.00 |
| 15 | TELUS Corporation | 2.92 |
| 16 | Dollarama Inc. | 2.91 |
| 17 | dentalcorp Holdings Inc. | 2.80 |
| 18 | Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. | 2.62 |
| 19 | 5N Plus Inc. | 2.31 |
| 20 | ADF Group Inc. | 2.13 |
| 21 | Polaris Renewable Energy Inc. | 2.06 |
| 22 | Shopify Inc. | 2.05 |
| 23 | Open Text Corporation | 2.04 |
| 24 | Groupe Dynamite Inc. | 1.38 |
| 25 | Hammond Power Solutions Inc. | 1.29 |
| 26 | Profound Medical Corp. | 1.14 |
| 27 | Jamieson Wellness Inc. | 1.11 |
| 28 | Extendicare Inc. | 1.03 |

| Ranking | Security | % of Net Assets |
|---|---|---|
| 29 | Information Services Corporation | 0.99 |
| 30 | Zoomd Technologies Ltd. | 0.88 |
| 31 | Lululemon Athletica Inc. | 0.67 |
| 32 | Blackline Safety Corporation | 0.49 |
| 33 | NTG Clarity Networks Inc. | 0.49 |
| 34 | Zedcor Inc. | 0.39 |
| 35 | Dirtt Environmental Solutions Ltd. | 0.09 |
| | **Total Equities** | **95.51** |
| | **Cash** | **4.49** |
| | **Total Assets** | **100.00** |

# 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

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|---|---|
| **Canadian Equity Fund**<br>(only Canadian dollar investments) | **Series A** reference Fund Code **NGM 272**<br>**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 270** |
| **U.S. Equity Advisor Fund**<br>(for investments in Canadian dollars) | **Series A** reference Fund Code **NGM 372**<br>**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 370** |
| **U.S. Equity Advisor Fund**<br>(for investments in U.S. dollars) | **Series A** reference Fund Code **NGM 373**<br>**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 371** |
| **Balanced Fund**<br>(only Canadian dollar investments) | **Series A** reference Fund Code **NGM 572**<br>**Series F** reference Fund Code **NGM 570** |

To better align with the commonly adopted naming convention for mutual fund series that pay a trailing commission, the letter designation of the Series D units of the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund and the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund has changed from "D" to "A".

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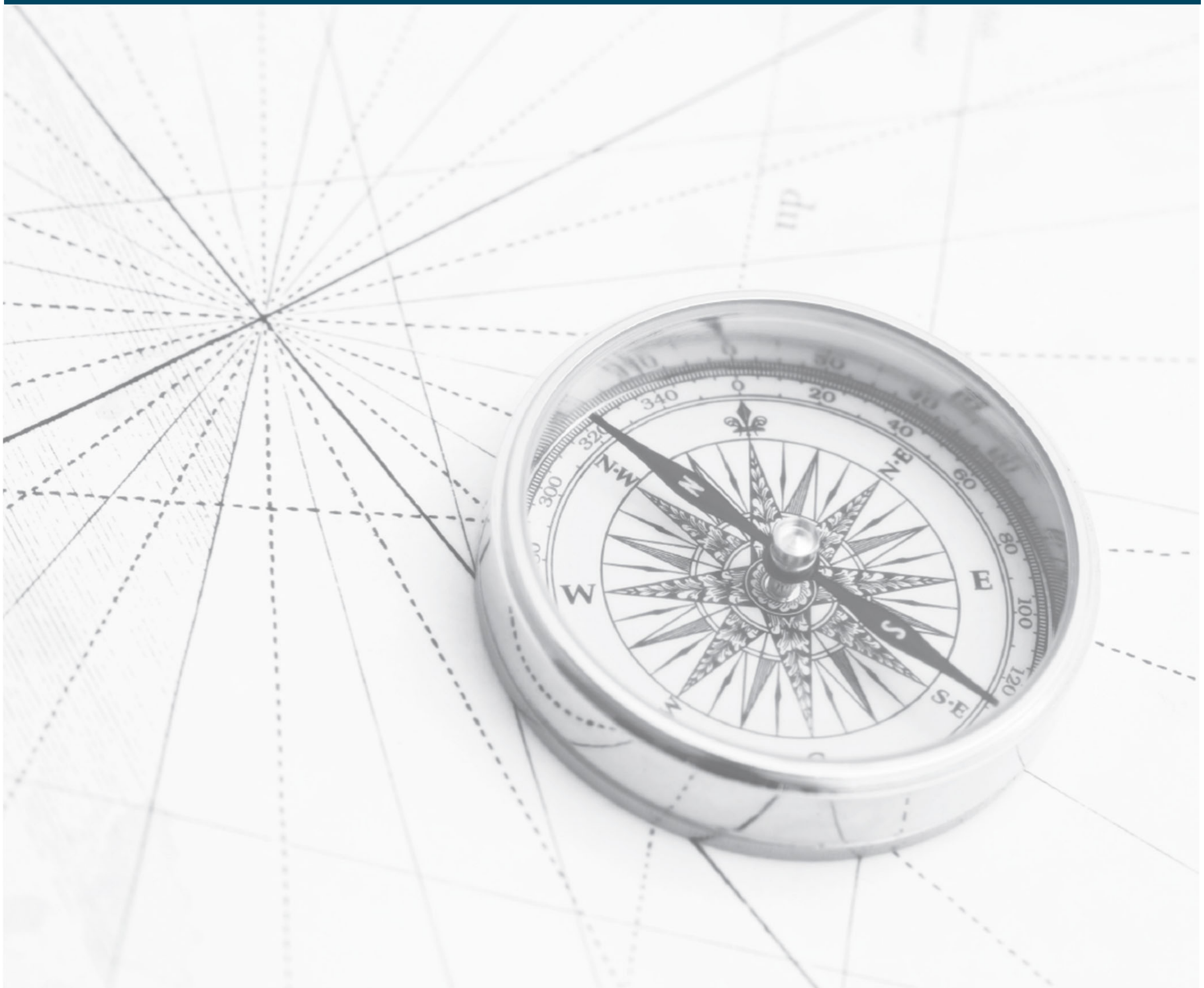


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