



NORTH GROWTH
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OCTOBER 2025 MONTHLY REPORT

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Market and Fund Performance Update

In October, the S&P 500 continued to rise to new highs, driven by the Magnificent Seven mega caps on relentless artificial intelligence (AI) euphoria. Despite ongoing geopolitical risks, trade worries, a U.S. government shutdown, and elevated valuations, big tech stocks remain in a surging uptrend amid the bullish outlook for AI.

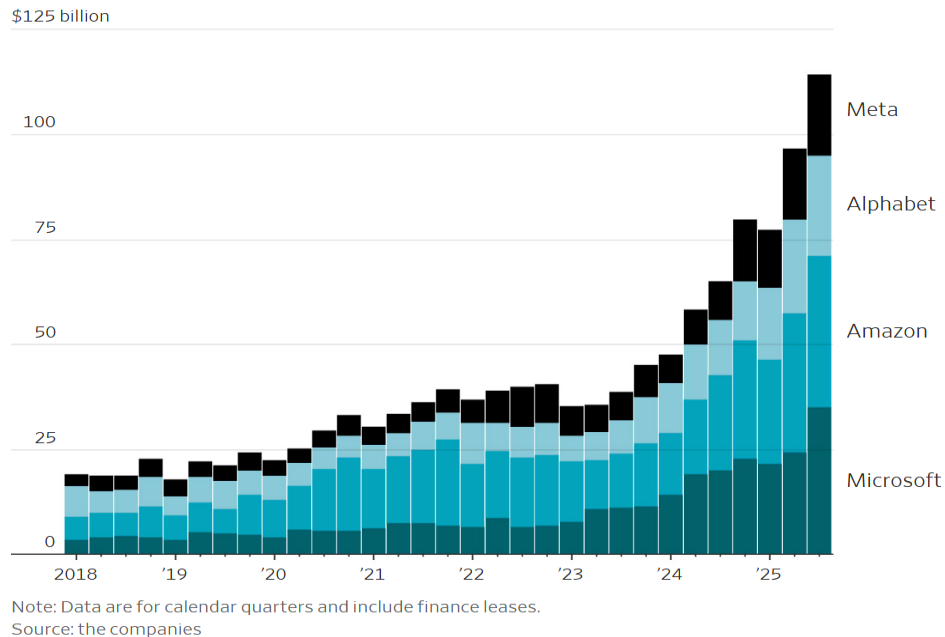
AI IS THE SOLE GROWTH DRIVER

Since the start of the AI frenzy three years ago, the U.S. stock market has become increasingly bifurcated with the majority of gains captured by businesses associated with the AI trade. Over the past month, Nvidia became the first company to hit \$5 trillion in market value, while collectively, the Magnificent Seven—Nvidia, Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Meta (Facebook), and Tesla—accounted for 37.5% of the S&P 500's total value.

Not only does artificial intelligence have a growing influence on markets, but also its impact on the economy has become extremely significant. J.P. Morgan estimates that AI-related capital expenditures contributed 1.1% to U.S. GDP growth during the first half of 2025, surpassing the American consumer as the dominant engine of expansion. In a similar vein, Harvard economist, Jason Furman, recently calculated that AI investment in data centers and technology accounted for 92% of GDP growth over the first half of the year; U.S. economic growth without investment in information-processing equipment and software would have been just 0.1% or almost flat otherwise.

As illustrated by the following graph published in the Wall Street Journal on October 30th, AI capacity investments by Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet and Meta are growing exponentially, and yet the major tech companies are still not able to meet accelerating customer demand.

Microsoft, Amazon, Alphabet and Meta Quarterly Capital Expenditures



Source: *The Wall Street Journal*, October 30, 2025

OUR VIEW

Undoubtedly, AI is a transformational technology analogous to the personal computer and internet revolutions. However, for all its potential, the unprecedented sums of money being spent so rapidly on unprofitable ventures via an interconnected web of business deals among a few leading companies, have prompted concerns of an AI bubble.

Several large holdings in the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund with exposure to data centers and networking are beneficiaries of the AI boom. These constituents have contributed meaningfully to the Fund's earnings growth and performance appreciation; yet, we are cognizant of the risks surrounding the singular theme that is driving the markets and the economy.

As always, we remain focused on the fundamental characteristics of individual stocks and are steadfastly disciplined in identifying and picking investments that fit our "Growth at a Reasonable Price" philosophy.

U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND, SERIES F

In October, the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F, appreciated 3.1%. The Fund outperformed the S&P 500 which gained 2.3%, as well as the S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap which declined -0.5% and -0.9% respectively; yet lagged the NASDAQ Composite which advanced 4.7%. In Canadian dollars, the Fund gained 3.9% versus the S&P 500's 3.1% return last month.

CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES F

In October, the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, appreciated 3.0%, outperforming the 1.0% advance of the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX Composite was led by Information Technology, Healthcare and Utilities.

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 OCTOBER 31, 2025

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)	3.91	13.29	36.05	16.59
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series A⁺)	3.88	13.21	35.85	16.30
S&P 500 in \$CDN	3.09	9.58	25.45	14.49
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)	3.15	11.89	34.05	19.67
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series A⁺)	3.12	11.80	33.85	19.38
S&P 500 \$U.S.	2.34	8.23	23.60	17.52

ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2025

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception*
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series F)	27.44	23.93	14.82	13.41	14.66
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN (Series A⁺)	27.06	23.56	14.48	13.08	14.25
S&P 500 \$CDN	22.34	23.77	18.85	15.44	16.40
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)	26.51	22.83	13.65	12.63	12.63
North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series A⁺)	26.13	22.47	13.32	12.29	12.22
S&P 500 \$U.S.	21.45	22.68	17.64	14.64	14.33

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of October 31, 2025

⁺ Formerly Series D

*Date of inception: October 23, 2009.

North Growth Canadian Equity Fund

SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2025

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F	2.96	11.08	35.41	22.83
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series A⁺	2.94	11.00	35.22	22.53
S&P/TSX Composite Index	0.97	11.70	23.39	25.13

ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2025

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus [*]
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F	27.01	14.92	14.92	11.80	12.71
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series A⁺	26.65	14.58	14.58	11.47	12.14
S&P/TSX Composite Index	28.75	19.52	17.64	11.71	10.78

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of October 31, 2025

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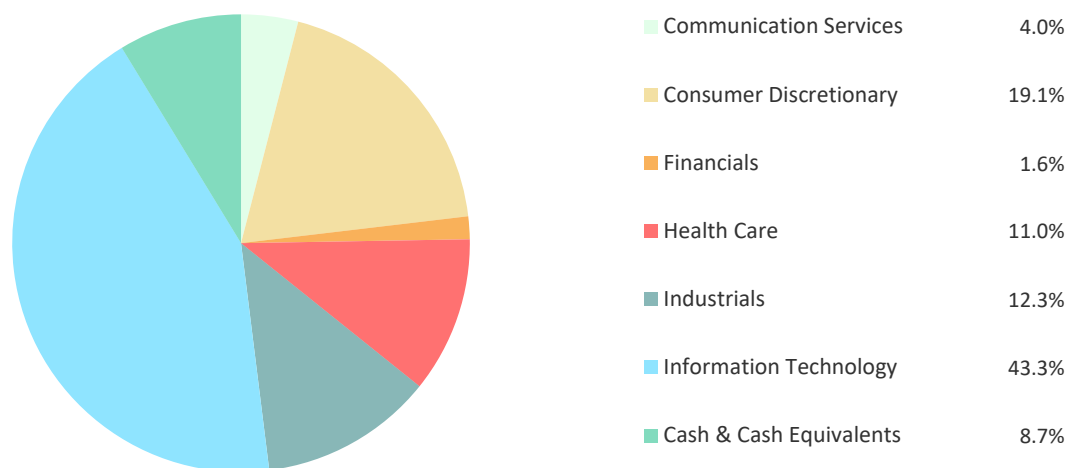
^{*} The S&P/TSX Composite Index since Prospectus return is calculated from the Series F date of prospectus inception, June 15, 2012. The Series A date of prospectus inception is June 29, 2012

Equity Fund Holdings and Composition

U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2025

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Ciena Corp.	6.63
2	Jabil Inc.	6.90
3	Applied Materials Inc.	5.01
4	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	4.40
5	Coherent Corp.	3.73
6	Motorola Solutions Inc.	3.00
7	Johnson Controls International plc.	2.68
8	Booking Holdings Inc.	2.65
9	Nvidia Corp.	2.61
10	Somnigroup International Inc.	2.58
Top 10		42.19
Total Equities		91.28
Cash		8.72
Total Assets		100.00

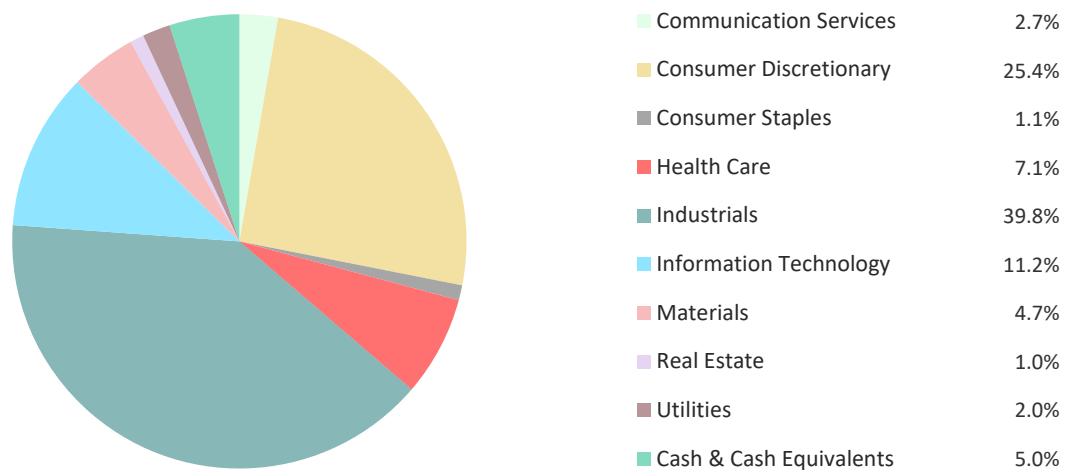
U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2025



CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2025

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	9.61
2	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	8.41
3	Bird Construction Inc.	5.87
4	ATS Corporation	5.31
5	Constellation Software Inc.	4.39
6	Zymeworks Inc.	4.34
7	AutoCanada Inc.	3.62
8	Aritzia Inc.	3.57
9	MDA Space Ltd.	3.45
10	TFI International Inc.	3.35
Top 10		51.92
Total Equities		95.51
Cash		4.49
Total Assets		100.00

CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2025



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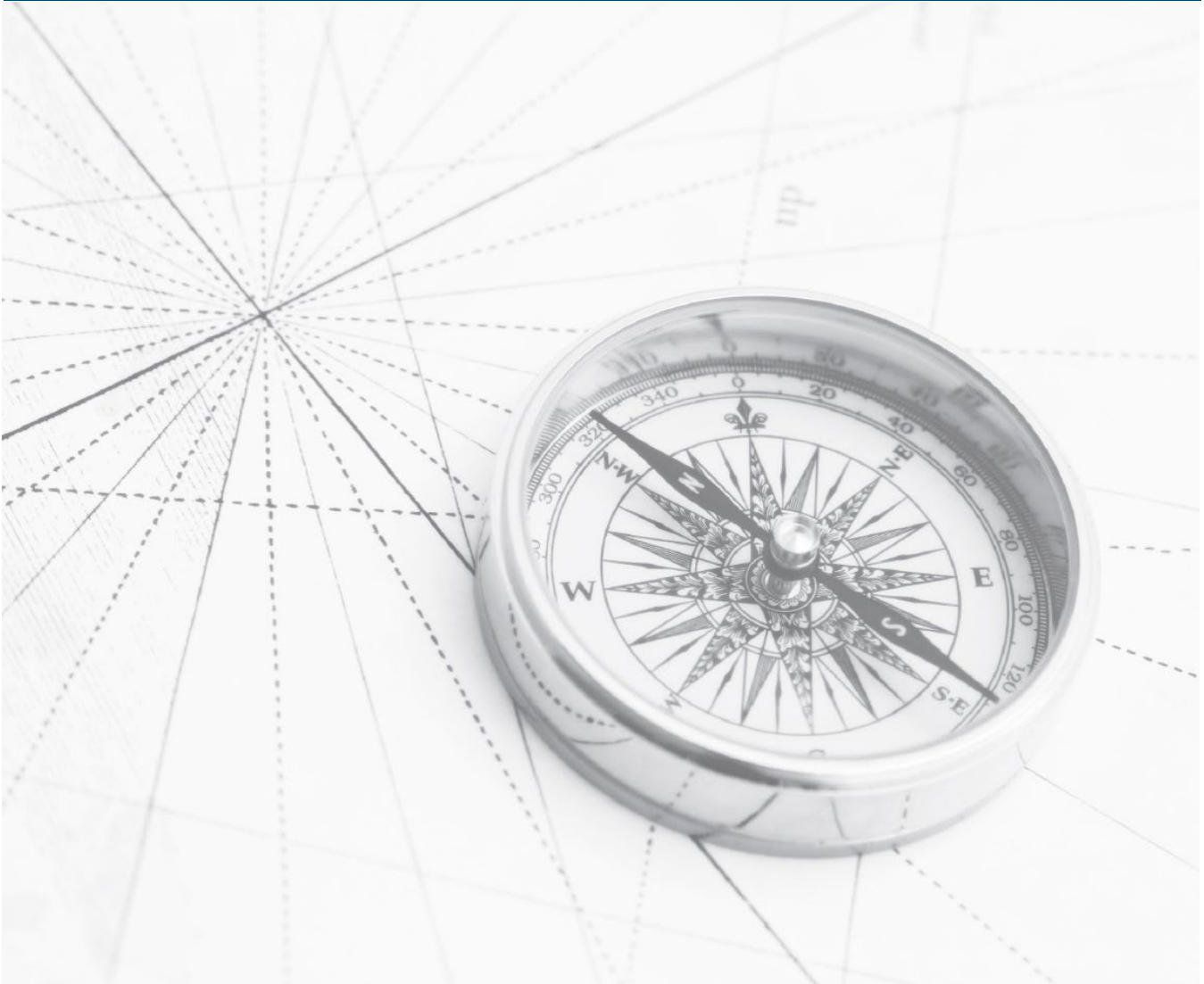
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