



NORTH GROWTH
MANAGEMENT



DECEMBER 2025 MONTHLY REPORT

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Market and Fund Performance Update

Amid much uncertainty and volatility in 2025, the S&P 500 secured its third consecutive year of double-digit gains. On the verge of a bear market in April following the U.S.'s "Liberation Day" tariffs, the stock market rebounded by the summer as American trade policies were relaxed and modified. During the latter half of the year, the S&P 500 repeatedly hit record highs fueled by optimism around the transformational potential of artificial intelligence (AI).

For the third straight year, the relentless climb in big tech stocks continued. Collectively, the Magnificent Seven—Apple, Microsoft, Alphabet (Google), Amazon, Nvidia, Tesla and Meta (Facebook)—accounted for about 45% of the S&P 500's total return through December 21st, according to Bloomberg. The U.S. stock market also became increasingly top-heavy and concentrated, with the ten largest stocks making up almost 40% of the S&P 500 Index.

Overall, resilient corporate earnings, particularly due to AI-related spending, as well as the Federal Reserve's cuts to interest rates during 2025 contributed to strong gains for U.S. equities. Throughout the year, both the North Growth U.S. and Canadian equity portfolios delivered consistently strong quarterly profit results that compared favourably against those of the S&P 500 and S&P/TSX Composite indices respectively. We were pleased that the solid earnings growth rates of the Funds' holdings translated to sound performance returns for the Funds themselves.

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.

FUND DISTRIBUTIONS

As we communicated in the November report, December 15th was the distribution date for the North Growth U.S. Equity Fund and North Growth Canadian Equity Fund. The distribution for the U.S. Equity Fund was \$6.13 per unit (all capital gains). For the Canadian Equity Fund, Series N, the distribution was \$3.11 per unit (consisting of \$0.17 income and \$2.94 capital gains).

Unitholders who hold the North Growth Funds in non-registered accounts can expect to receive their T3 tax slips by mail in February. Quebec residents will also receive a Relevé 16: Trust income (RL-16) slip.

ANNUAL REPORT

Around mid-February, we plan on publishing our 2025 Annual Report. As usual, the annual report will include a more in-depth discussion of the year in review as well as our outlook for 2026.

U.S. EQUITY FUND

In December, the North Growth U.S. Equity Fund appreciated 4.7%. For the month, the Fund beat all the indices we regularly track: the S&P 500 and S&P 400 MidCap which both gained 0.1%, the S&P 600 SmallCap which declined -0.1%, and the NASDAQ Composite which was down -0.5%. In Canadian dollars, the Fund appreciated 2.7% versus the S&P 500's loss of -1.9%.

In 2025, the Fund was up 32.1%, in U.S. dollars, outperforming all the indices we follow. For the year, the S&P 500 gained 17.9%, the S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap increased 7.5% and 6.0% respectively, while the NASDAQ Composite rallied 21.2%. Due to strengthening of the Canadian currency during 2025, in Canadian dollars, the Fund's annual return was 25.8% versus the S&P 500's gain of 12.3%.

CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES N

In December, the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N, returned 2.5% compared to 1.3% for the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX Composite was led by Financials, Materials and Healthcare.

In 2025, the Fund appreciated 26.7%, lagging the S&P/TSX Composite's gain of 31.7%.

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 U.S. Equity Fund

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

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$CDN	2.67	12.47	28.34	25.81
S&P 500 in \$CDN	-1.89	1.11	11.51	12.28
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$U.S.	4.71	14.19	27.75	32.08
S&P 500 \$U.S.	0.06	2.65	11.00	17.88
S&P 400 MidCap \$U.S.	0.07	1.64	7.29	7.50
S&P 600 SmallCap \$U.S.	-0.05	1.70	10.97	6.02
NASDAQ Composite \$U.S.	-0.47	2.72	14.47	21.17

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

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	15 Yrs	20 Yrs	Since Inception
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$CDN	25.81	25.43	13.49	13.66	15.12	11.42	13.25
S&P 500 \$CDN	12.28	23.49	16.12	14.71	16.53	11.92	11.28
North Growth U.S. Equity Fund \$U.S.	32.08	24.94	11.83	13.77	12.68	10.51	12.92
S&P 500 \$U.S.	17.88	23.01	14.42	14.82	14.06	11.00	10.95
S&P 400 MidCap \$U.S.	7.50	12.56	9.12	10.72	10.71	9.44	11.56
S&P 600 SmallCap \$U.S.	6.02	10.17	7.31	9.81	10.36	8.91	10.77
NASDAQ Composite \$U.S.	21.17	31.40	13.38	17.70	16.80	13.67	11.77

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

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

The inception of the Fund: October 13, 1992.

	December 31, 2025
Unit Price	\$ 80.54 CDN / \$ 58.76 US
Total Assets in Fund	\$ 861.7 Million CDN

North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N

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

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N	2.54	6.47	19.81	26.72
S&P/TSX Composite Index	1.32	6.25	19.53	31.68

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

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus
North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series N	26.72	14.43	10.72	11.75	12.58
S&P/TSX Composite Index	31.68	21.42	16.09	12.66	11.06

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of December 31, 2025
The prospectus inception of the Fund: June 15, 2012.

	December 31, 2025
Unit Price	\$ 30.28 CDN
Total Assets in Fund	\$ 48.8 Million CDN

North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund

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

	Current Yield*	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	15 Yrs
North Growth Canadian Money Market Fund	2.00	2.58	3.92	2.70	1.83	1.49
30 Day Treasury Bill	N/A	2.74	4.07	2.78	1.86	1.52

** 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 DECEMBER 31, 2025

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Ciena Corp.	8.40
2	Jabil Inc.	6.78
3	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	5.08
4	Applied Materials Inc.	4.97
5	Coherent Corp.	3.91
6	Brinker International Inc.	2.92
7	Somnigroup International Inc.	2.77
8	Tapestry Inc.	2.73
9	Motorola Solutions Inc.	2.70
10	Johnson Controls International plc.	2.68
11	Booking Holdings Inc.	2.65
12	Nvidia Corp.	2.24
13	Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	2.20
14	Electronic Arts Inc.	2.16
15	Warner Bros. Discovery Inc.	2.11
16	Ulta Beauty Inc.	2.04
17	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	1.96
18	Jacobs Solutions Inc.	1.84
19	Texas Instruments Inc.	1.84
20	Global Payments Inc.	1.72
21	IQVIA Holdings Inc.	1.66
22	Watts Water Technologies Inc.	1.62
23	West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	1.57
24	HP Inc.	1.54
25	NVR Inc.	1.50
26	AutoZone, Inc.	1.48
27	Integer Holdings Corporation	1.48
28	Qualcomm Inc.	1.43

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
29	InMode Ltd.	1.42
30	Apple Inc.	1.35
31	Microsoft Corporation	1.33
32	Crocs, Inc.	1.29
33	United Rentals, Inc.	1.27
34	FedEx Corp.	1.21
35	Arhaus Inc.	1.15
36	Elevance Health, Inc.	1.14
37	NIKE Inc.	1.08
38	Align Technology, Inc.	1.03
39	Biogen Inc.	0.88
40	Atkore Inc.	0.86
41	Fortune Brands Innovations, Inc.	0.83
42	Old Dominion Freight Line, Inc.	0.71
43	First Solar Inc.	0.57
44	Amentum Holdings Inc.	0.41
45	Masterbrand, Inc.	0.35
Total Equities		92.86
Cash		7.14
Total Assets		100.00

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

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	10.43
2	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	7.35
3	Bird Construction Inc.	6.90
4	ATS Corporation	4.92
5	Aritzia Inc.	4.75
6	Constellation Software Inc.	4.20
7	Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	3.50
8	CAE Inc.	3.42
9	TFI International Inc.	3.41
10	Zymeworks Inc.	3.28
11	Dollarama Inc.	3.19
12	Restaurant Brands International	3.10
13	Canadian National Railway Company	3.09
14	Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.	2.95
15	ADF Group Inc.	2.75
16	AutoCanada Inc.	2.46
17	5N Plus Inc.	2.36
18	TELUS Corporation	2.36
19	Shopify Inc.	2.15
20	Groupe Dynamite Inc.	1.87
21	Profound Medical Corp	1.78
22	MDA Space Ltd.	1.77
23	Polaris Renewable Energy Inc.	1.75
24	Open Text Corporation	1.72
25	Hammond Power Solutions Inc.	1.63
26	Extendicare Inc.	1.45
27	Information Services Corporation	1.22
28	Jamieson Wellness Inc.	1.01

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
29	Lululemon Athletica Inc.	0.76
30	Zoomd Technologies Ltd.	0.63
31	Zedcor Inc.	0.46
32	Blackline Safety Corporation	0.43
33	NTG Clarity Networks Inc.	0.36
34	Dirtt Environmental Solutions Ltd.	0.10
Total Equities		93.51
Cash		6.49
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.

CONDUCTING TRANSACTIONS

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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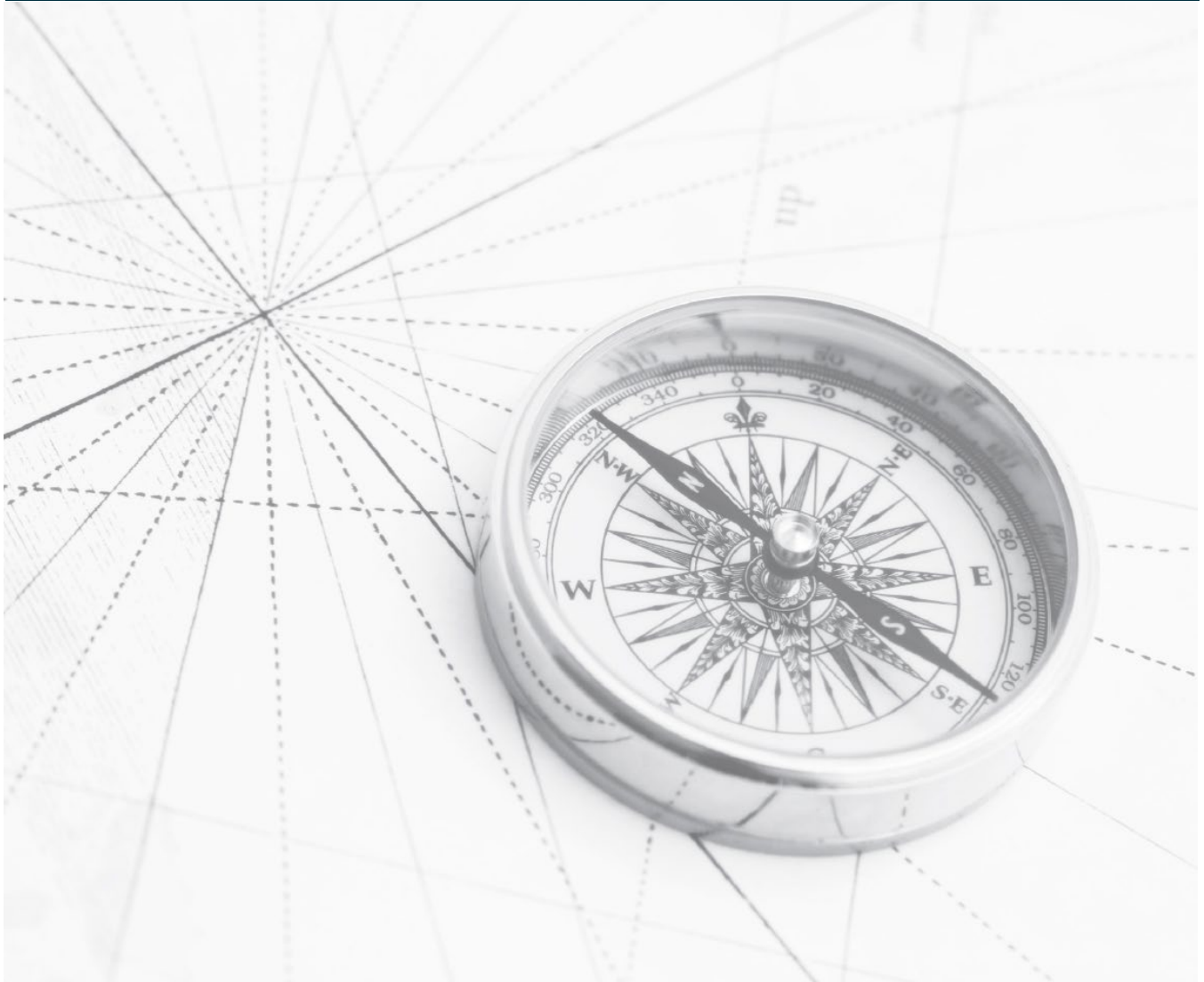


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