



NORTH GROWTH  
MANAGEMENT



## JANUARY 2026 MONTHLY REPORT

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

## Market and Fund Performance Update

January was marked by significant market volatility and geopolitical uncertainty, portending an unpredictable year ahead. Tensions over Venezuela, Greenland, and Iran, in addition to the nomination announcement of a new Federal Reserve chair, broadly weighed on market sentiment. Furthermore, with the fourth quarter earnings reporting season in full swing, specific corporate results generated extreme stock price movements. Despite all the volatility, however, the S&P 500 posted a modest gain of 1.5% during the first month of 2026.

### OUR VIEW

Bifurcation was a predominant feature of the U.S. stock market over the past three years. For most of 2025, the market became increasingly top-heavy and concentrated. Yet, notably, towards the end of the year, as corporate earnings growth broadened so too did the performance of the overall market. This encouraging trend continued in January, as evidenced by the outperformance of small and mid-cap shares.

As we have stated in our soon-to-be published Annual Report, given continued uncertainty over the global economy and geopolitical events, we expect elevated market volatility in 2026. We continue to actively look for and research investment opportunities amid the volatility. Although we are cautious on the U.S. stock market after three years of strong S&P 500 returns supported by few stocks, we are also optimistic for a change in market leadership and, in due time, broadening market expansion.

As always, we remain focused on individual stock analysis that adheres to our “Growth at a Reasonable Price” investment philosophy. We engage in active stock selection as opposed to macro-driven investment decisions.

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

In January, the North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund, Series F, gained 3.2%. The Fund outperformed the S&P 500 which increased 1.5% and the NASDAQ Composite which was up 1.0%, but lagged the S&P 500 MidCap and S&P 600 SmallCap indices which appreciated 4.1% and 5.6% respectively. A stronger Canadian currency reduced the Fund’s January return to 2.2% in Canadian dollars versus the S&P 500’s 0.4% Canadian-dollar monthly return.

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND, SERIES F

In January, the North Growth Canadian Equity Fund, Series F, declined -0.5% compared to a positive return of 0.8% for the S&P/TSX Composite Index. The S&P/TSX Composite's gain was powered by the Energy and Materials sectors.

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. We view any pullbacks in the market as opportunities to add to or upgrade the portfolio.

## BALANCED FUND

The North Growth Balanced Fund launched on August 18th, 2025 and is now available through FundServ. The Fund seeks 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.

In accordance with Canadian securities regulation, performance data of the Balanced Fund is unavailable until it has distributed securities under a prospectus for a period of at least 12 consecutive months. For additional information about the Balanced Fund please visit our website at [www.northgrowth.com](http://www.northgrowth.com).

## T3, T5008, T4RIF AND T4RSP TAX SLIPS

We are in the process of generating T3, T5008, T4RIF and T4RSP slips for the 2025 tax year. We plan on mailing these out before the end of February. Please contact our CFO, Rachid Nayel, [rachid@northgrowth.com](mailto:rachid@northgrowth.com) if you do not receive your tax slips by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

## North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund

### SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN<sup>x</sup> (Series F)</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>10.73</b>	<b>25.44</b>	<b>2.16</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN<sup>x</sup> (Series A<sup>+</sup>)</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>10.62</b>	<b>25.23</b>	<b>2.13</b>
S&P 500 in \$CDN <sup>x</sup>	0.38	-1.55	7.88	0.38
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>3.24</b>	<b>14.42</b>	<b>28.02</b>	<b>3.24</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series A<sup>+</sup>)</b>	<b>3.22</b>	<b>14.34</b>	<b>27.83</b>	<b>3.22</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	1.45	1.76	10.13	1.45

### ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Inception <sup>*</sup>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN<sup>x</sup> (Series F)</b>	<b>24.07</b>	<b>23.11</b>	<b>13.83</b>	<b>14.81</b>	<b>15.14</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$CDN<sup>x</sup> (Series A<sup>+</sup>)</b>	<b>23.67</b>	<b>22.77</b>	<b>13.48</b>	<b>14.47</b>	<b>14.72</b>
S&P 500 \$CDN <sup>x</sup>	8.94	21.75	16.36	15.20	16.02
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series F)</b>	<b>32.47</b>	<b>22.46</b>	<b>12.48</b>	<b>15.18</b>	<b>13.36</b>
<b>North Growth U.S. Equity Advisor Fund \$U.S. (Series A<sup>+</sup>)</b>	<b>32.08</b>	<b>22.13</b>	<b>12.14</b>	<b>14.84</b>	<b>12.95</b>
S&P 500 \$U.S.	16.35	21.11	14.99	15.57	14.22

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of January 31, 2026

<sup>x</sup> The U.S. Equity Advisor Fund's \$CDN rates of return are calculated using the Bank of Canada daily average exchange rate which differs from the exchange rate used by Bloomberg to calculate the S&P 500's \$CDN rates of return

<sup>+</sup> Formerly Series D

<sup>\*</sup> Date of inception: October 23, 2009.

## North Growth Canadian Equity Fund

### SHORT TERM RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026

	1 Month	3 Months	6 Months	YTD
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>-0.46</b>	<b>3.01</b>	<b>14.43</b>	<b>-0.46</b>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series A<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>-0.49</b>	<b>2.95</b>	<b>14.28</b>	<b>-0.49</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	0.84	6.12	18.53	0.84

### ANNUALIZED RATES OF RETURN (%) FOR PERIODS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2026

	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Since Prospectus <sup>*</sup>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series F</b>	<b>27.23</b>	<b>11.51</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>12.46</b>	<b>12.71</b>
<b>North Growth Canadian Equity Fund Series A<sup>+</sup></b>	<b>26.88</b>	<b>11.18</b>	<b>9.70</b>	<b>12.13</b>	<b>12.15</b>
S&P/TSX Composite Index	28.32	18.89	16.36	12.88	11.06

Source: Bloomberg "Total Return Analysis" as of January 31, 2026

<sup>+</sup> Formerly Series D

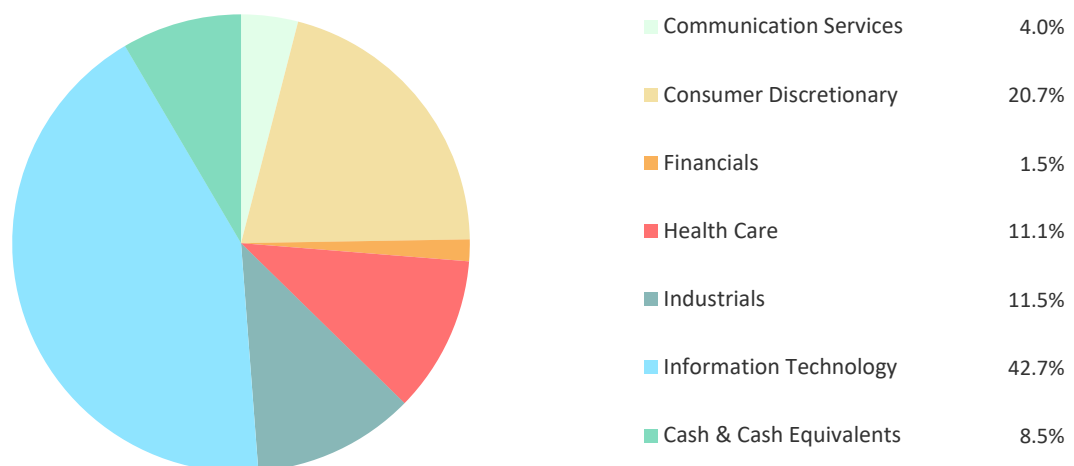
<sup>\*</sup> The S&P/TSX Composite Index since Prospectus return is calculated from the Series F date of prospectus inception, June 15, 2012. The Series A date of prospectus inception is June 29, 2012

## Equity Fund Holdings and Composition

### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Ciena Corp	8.29
2	Jabil Inc	6.75
3	Applied Materials Inc.	5.95
4	Lumentum Holdings Inc.	5.14
5	Coherent Corp.	4.32
6	Brinker International Inc.	3.08
7	Motorola Solutions Inc	2.73
8	Somnigroup International Inc.	2.62
9	Tapestry Inc	2.60
10	Johnson Controls International plc	2.56
<b>Top 10</b>		<b>44.04</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>91.53</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>8.47</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

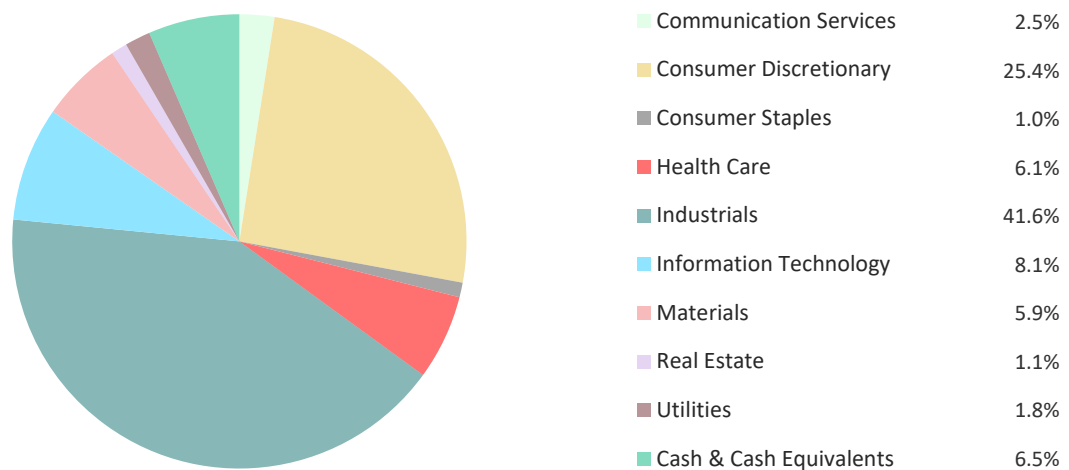
### U.S. EQUITY ADVISOR FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026



## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — TOP 10 HOLDINGS AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026

Ranking	Security	% of Net Assets
1	Bombardier Inc., Class B	10.42
2	Bird Construction Inc.	7.32
3	Leon's Furniture Ltd.	7.25
4	ATS Corporation	5.05
5	Constellation Software Inc.	4.20
6	Aritzia Inc.	4.00
7	Badger Infrastructure Solutions Ltd.	3.70
8	CAE Inc.	3.59
9	TFI International Inc.	3.53
10	5N Plus Inc.	3.22
<b>Top 10</b>		<b>52.48</b>
<b>Total Equities</b>		<b>93.51</b>
<b>Cash</b>		<b>6.49</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>100.00</b>

## CANADIAN EQUITY FUND — SECTOR MIX AS AT JANUARY 31, 2026



# 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

<b>Canadian Equity Fund</b> (only Canadian dollar investments)	<b>Series A</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM272</b> <b>Series F</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM270</b>
<b>U.S. Equity Advisor Fund</b> (for investments in Canadian dollars)	<b>Series A</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM372</b> <b>Series F</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM370</b>
<b>U.S. Equity Advisor Fund</b> (for investments in U.S. dollars)	<b>Series A</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM373</b> <b>Series F</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM371</b>
<b>Balanced Fund</b> (only Canadian dollar investments)	<b>Series A</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM572</b> <b>Series F</b> reference Fund Code <b>NGM570</b>

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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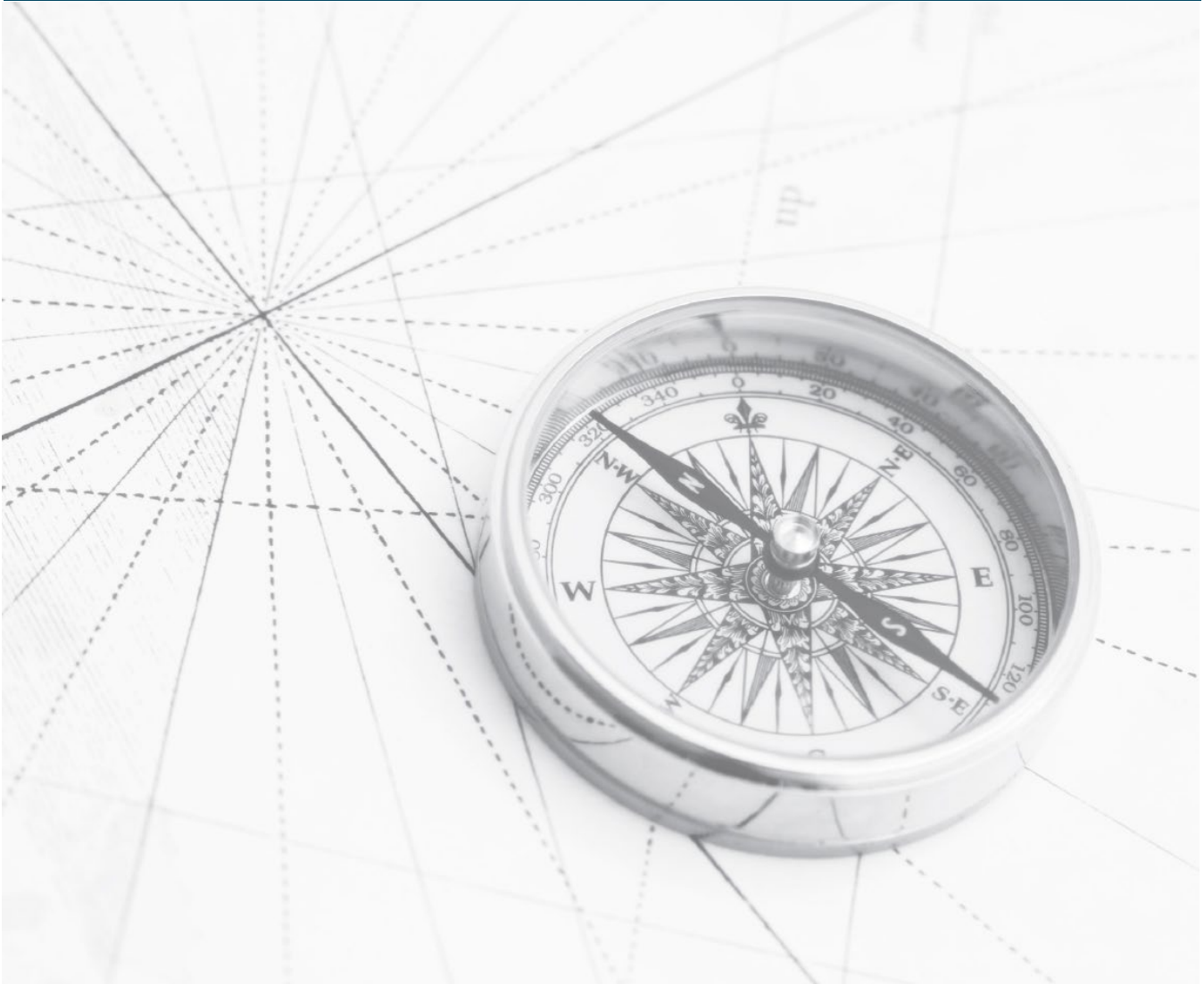
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Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.



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