

# PORTLAND CANADIAN BALANCED FUND



(as at October 31, 2023)

*"I'm a better investor because I'm a businessman, and a better businessman because I'm an investor."*

Warren Buffett

	Series Start Date	Net Asset Value Per Unit (as at October 31, 2023)	PERFORMANCE (as at October 31, 2023)							
			Year to Date	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years <sup>4</sup>	5 Years <sup>4</sup>	10 Years <sup>4</sup>	Since Inception <sup>4</sup>
Portland Canadian Balanced Fund - Series A	Oct. 31, 2012	\$13.2977	(5.24%)	(2.88%)	(8.25%)	(5.70%)	3.15%	2.23%	4.42%	5.68%
Portland Canadian Balanced Fund - Series F	Oct. 31, 2012	\$14.0833	(4.34%)	(2.79%)	(7.99%)	(4.64%)	4.32%	3.38%	5.60%	6.88%
Blended Benchmark <sup>5</sup>	-	-	(0.35%)	(1.82%)	(5.49%)	0.23%	3.84%	4.24%	4.13%	4.30%

## FUND FACTS

Fund Net Assets	\$31.5 million
CIFSC* Asset Class	Canadian Equity Balanced
Risk Tolerance	Medium
Management Fee	Series A: 1.75%, Series F: 0.75%
MER <sup>6</sup>	Series A: 2.54%, Series F: 1.42%

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

- The Fund's objective is to provide positive long-term total returns, consisting of both income and capital gains by investing primarily in a portfolio of fixed income and Canadian equity securities.

## KEY REASONS TO INVEST

- Close adherence to Framework:
  - Five Laws of Wealth Creation:**
    - Own a few high quality businesses
    - Thoroughly understand these businesses
    - Ensure these businesses are domiciled in strong, long-term growth industries
    - Use other people's money prudently
    - Hold these businesses for the long run

## HOW THE FUND IS MANAGED

- Active asset allocation between equities, fixed income and cash
- Active management of equities to enhance returns
- Focused number of equity holdings
- Willingness to hold cash and hedge currency
- Objectives (in Canadian Equity Balanced category):
  - Preservation of capital
  - Satisfactory long-term total returns

## Asset Allocation

Common Equity	76.01%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.11%
Preferred Shares	12.28%
Bonds	0.00%
Forward Currency Contracts	(0.55%)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities) <sup>1</sup>	(1.85%)

## Geographic Allocation

Canada	60.30%
United States	21.55%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.11%
United Kingdom	4.68%
Cayman Islands	1.76%
Forward Currency Contracts	(0.55%)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities) <sup>1</sup>	(1.85%)

## Sector Allocation

Financials	54.86%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.11%
Communication Services	13.88%
Exchange Traded Funds	12.28%
Utilities	2.70%
Consumer Discretionary	2.01%
Industrials	1.76%
Energy	0.80%
Forward Currency Contracts	(0.55%)
Other Net Assets (Liabilities) <sup>1</sup>	(1.85%)

## PORTFOLIO MANAGER

**James Cole**, BA, CFA  
Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager

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## Top Holdings<sup>2</sup>

Cash & Cash Equivalents	14.11%
Verizon Communications Inc.	9.20%
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	9.19%
Bank of Montreal	8.56%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	8.27%
Royal Bank of Canada	8.27%
The Bank of Nova Scotia	8.22%
Citigroup Inc.	7.78%
BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF	5.97%
Vodafone Group PLC - Sponsored ADR	4.68%
First Horizon Corporation	4.57%
Horizons Active Preferred Share ETF	3.19%
iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF	3.12%
ATCO Ltd.	2.70%
Magna International Inc.	2.01%
CK Hutchison Holdings Limited	1.76%
Suncor Energy, Inc.	0.80%

## FUND COMMENTARY (As at September 30, 2023)

For the quarter ended September 30, 2023, the Fund's Series F units had a return of -2.84%. For the same period, the Fund's Blended Benchmark (which is a composite consisting of 60% of the return of the MSCI Canada Index and 40% of the return of the iShares Core Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF TR), had a return of -2.69%. For the full period since inception of the Fund on October 31, 2012 to September 30, 2023, the Fund's Series F units had an annualized return of 7.21%. For the same period, the Blended Benchmark had an annualized return of 4.52%. Unlike the Blended Benchmark, the Fund's return is after the deduction of its fees and expenses. The Fund's net asset value at September 30, 2023 was \$32.9 million. Asset mix at September 30, 2023 was common equities, 70.76%; cash and other net assets, 17.09%; preferred share exchange-traded funds, 12.13%; and forward currency contracts, 0.02%. By geography, assets were invested in cash and securities of issuers based in Canada, 73.77%; the United States, 19.97%; Cayman Islands, 1.75%; and the United Kingdom, 4.51%.

In our estimation, the Fund owns a portfolio of high-quality businesses, diversified by sector and geography, with strong financial positions that are trading at reasonable valuations. As a result, we expect the Fund's existing equity investments to deliver satisfactory future returns. In addition, equity markets remain far below their record highs of early 2022. This equity market weakness has lowered the valuations of many businesses, which has created more attractive entry points. The Fund has the capacity, primarily by re-allocating its existing cash, to increase its common equity weight from the current 70.76% of net assets to approximately 90% of net assets. If the Fund were to do that, it would be in the expectation that such additional equities would further enhance future returns.

## POTENTIAL RISKS

The Manager believes the following risks may impact the performance of the Fund: concentration risk, currency risk, equity risk and debt securities risk. Please read the "What are the risks of investing in the Fund?" section in the Simplified Prospectus for a more detailed description of all the relevant risks.

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Fund Name	SERIES A			SERIES F <sup>3</sup>
	Code - Initial Sales Charge	Code - DSC	Code - LL	
Portland Canadian Balanced Fund	PTL300	PTL305	PTL310	PTL002

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1. Other Net Assets (Liabilities) refers to all other assets and liabilities in the Fund excluding portfolio investments.
2. Where the Fund holds less than 25 holdings, all investments have been disclosed. There may be other assets and liabilities which are not included, and therefore the summary does not add up to 100%.
3. Generally available through dealers who have entered into a Portland Series F Dealer Agreement.
4. Annualized.
5. The Fund's blended benchmark is 60% MSCI Canada Index and 40% iShares Core Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF TR. Since the Fund does not necessarily invest in the same securities as the benchmark or in the same proportion, the performance of the Fund may not be directly comparable to the benchmark. In addition, the Fund's performance returns reflect the use of leverage. The use of a benchmark is for illustrative purposes only, and is not an indication of performance of the Fund.
6. MER or management expense ratio is presented as at March 31, 2023. MER is updated on a semi-annual basis and the Manager may absorb operating expenses of the Fund at its discretion but is under no obligation to do so.

The blended returns are calculated by Portland using end of day index values licensed from MSCI (MSCI Data) and other sources. For the avoidance of doubt, MSCI is not the benchmark "administrator" for, or a "contributor", "submitter" or "supervised contributor" to, the blended returns, and the MSCI Data is not considered a "contribution" or "submission" in relation to the blended returns, as those terms may be defined in any rules, laws, regulations, legislation or international standards. MSCI Data is provided "AS IS" without warranty or liability and no copying or distribution is permitted. MSCI does not make any representation regarding the advisability of any investment or strategy and does not sponsor, promote, issue, sell or otherwise recommend or endorse any investment or strategy, including any financial products or strategies based on, tracking or otherwise utilizing any MSCI Data, models, analytics or other materials or information.

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James Cole is the portfolio manager of Portland Focused Plus Fund LP, Portland Focused Plus Fund and Portland Canadian Balanced Fund. The three funds generally hold some of the same securities and may make trades in such securities simultaneously.

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