

# CC&L Equity Income and Growth Fund

## Interim Management Report of Fund Performance

For the period ended June 30, 2025

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#### **Results of Operations**

As at June 30, 2025, CC&L Equity Income and Growth Fund (the "Fund") held \$472.2 million in total net assets. During the period, investors in Series A units in the Fund experienced a return of 7.74%. The benchmark for the Fund (S&P/TSX Composite Index) returned 10.17% over the same period. The performance of the different series within the Fund will vary due to the differences in their expense structures. For specific returns by series, please refer to the "Past Performance" section of the report.

The first quarter of 2025 was characterized by a high degree of uncertainty due to escalating trade tensions. The strategy of the Trump administration appeared to cultivate instability. Although many tariff announcements were primarily threats and posturing with corresponding delays in implementation, their impacts were evident in market sentiment, consumer confidence, and business outlook surveys – all of which deteriorated significantly during this period. Equity markets experienced periods of significant volatility, particularly within the technology sector. In the second quarter of 2025, the economic landscape evolved from acute market volatility to a more gradual but broad-based economic slowdown across North America. April opened with a severe risk-off tone driven by President Trump's sweeping tariff announcement. As the quarter progressed, sentiment turned sharply positive amid a temporary easing of trade tensions, better than feared corporate earnings, and resilient economic data, which collectively helped reduce recession fears. Canadian equity markets ultimately reached record high levels by the end of the second quarter.

The portfolio generated a positive return but underperformed its benchmark in the first half of 2025. Sector allocation drove the underperformance while security selection also detracted value. From a sector allocation perspective, the underweight position to materials detracted value. From a security selection perspective, stock picking within utilities was the largest source of detraction. Within utilities, the overweight in Capital Power Corp. detracted value. On the positive side, security selection within consumer staples as the overweight position in Loblaw Companies Ltd. was the top single stock contributor over the period.

#### **Recent Developments**

In both Canada and the U.S., the economic outlook has stabilized as recession risks have declined. Peak concerns around tariffs and geopolitical tensions appear to be behind us. Central banks are shifting toward a more accommodative stance, with the Bank of Canada expected to continue cutting rates this summer and the U.S. Federal Reserve likely to begin easing later in the year. At the same time, fiscal policy remains broadly pro-growth. The U.S. has introduced stimulative legislation with its "Big Beautiful Bill", and Canada is expected to deliver a supportive fall budget. Corporate fundamentals remain healthy. Earnings growth has been resilient, with breadth improving across sectors as more companies revise guidance higher. While valuations are elevated, stable earnings and improved visibility are providing support.

Although we maintain a constructive outlook on the economy and equity markets, key risks remain. Tariff-related inflation could still present a challenge for central banks, and the full economic impact - likely not felt for another two to three quarters - remains uncertain. Investor sentiment has shifted decisively more positively, reducing the margin for error, while equity risk premiums remain compressed. These dynamics call for a measured approach to portfolio construction.

In this environment, we continue to favour high-quality businesses with durable earnings growth. However, we have begun to reduce exposure to traditional defensive companies and have selectively added to quality cyclical companies trading at attractive valuations. As we increased exposure to more cyclical companies, we are willing to look through short term weaknesses and focus on 2026 earnings potential.

#### **Caution regarding forward-looking statements**

Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, ''Results of Operations'' and ''Recent Developments'', may contain forward looking statements including, but not limited to, statements relating to the Fund, its strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. The use of any of the words ''anticipate'', ''may'',''will'', ''expect'', ''estimate'', ''should'', ''believe'' and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statement that is predictive in nature, that depends upon or refers to future events or conditions, or that may be made concerning future performance, strategies or prospects, and possible future action to be made by the Fund, the Manager and the Fund's portfolio manager, is also a forward-looking statement.

Such statements reflect the opinion of CFI and the Fund's portfolio manager, Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd., regarding factors that might be reasonably expected to affect the performance and the distributions on units of the Fund, and are based on current expectations and projections about future general economic, political and relevant market factors, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, regulatory framework and the general business environment and other relevant information available at the time of this report. Changes in these factors may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking information.

CFI believes that the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements and in the analysis are reasonable, but no assurance can be given that these expectations or the analysis will prove to be correct and accordingly they should not be unduly relied on. These statements speak only as of the date of this report. Actual events and outcomes may differ materially from those described in these forward-looking statements.

We stress that the above mentioned list of important factors is not exhaustive. We encourage you to consider these and other factors carefully before making any investment decisions and we urge you to avoid placing any undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Further, you should know there is no specific intention of updating any forward-looking statements contained therein whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### **Related Party Transactions**

CFI is affiliated with Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group Ltd. As disclosed in the prospectus, the portfolio manager retained by the Fund, Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd., is also affiliated with Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group Ltd. During the period ended June 30, 2025, no additions or deletions were made to the portfolio managers providing services to the Fund.

As Manager, CFI receives management fees with respect to the day-to-day business and operations of the Fund as described in the section entitled "Management Fees". These management fees are charged in the normal course of business and are measured at their exchange amount, which approximates that of an arm's length transaction.

#### **Recommendations or reports by the Independent Review Committee**

The Independent Review Committee tabled no special reports and made no reportable material recommendations to the manager of the Fund during the period ended June 30, 2025.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intented to help you understand the Fund's financial performance since inception. This information is derived from the Fund's unaudited interim financial statements and annual audited financial statements.

The Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit

Series A	JUN 30, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$16.64	\$15.13	\$15.43	\$16.53	\$14.23
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	0.23	0.52	0.57	0.48	0.44
Total expenses	(0.19)	(0.38)	(0.36)	(0.36)	(0.35)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	0.97	1.18	0.62	0.59	0.29
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.25	1.04	(0.56)	(1.16)	2.54
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	1.26	2.36	0.27	(0.45)	2.92
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.33)	(0.29)	(0.35)	(0.27)	(0.21)
From capital gains	-	(0.56)	(0.26)	(0.16)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	(0.20)	(0.40)
Total distributions (2,3)	(0.33)	(0.85)	(0.61)	(0.63)	(0.61)
Net assets at June 30 or December 31 of year shown (1,2)	\$17.57	\$16.64	\$15.13	\$15.43	\$16.53

Series A inception date: May 30, 2012

Series F	JUN 30, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$18.94	\$17.04	\$17.18	\$18.21	\$15.50
Increase (decrease) from operations:	410071	411.01	417.115	¥10.21	<b>413.30</b>
Total revenues	0.26	0.59	0.63	0.54	0.48
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.20)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.10	1.34	0.69	0.66	0.32
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.29	1.16	(0.59)	(1.32)	2.77
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	1.53	2.86	0.52	(0.33)	3.37
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.38)	(0.33)	(0.38)	(0.30)	(0.23)
From capital gains	-	(0.64)	(0.30)	(0.18)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	(0.22)	(0.44)
Total distributions (2,3)	(0.38)	(0.97)	(0.68)	(0.70)	(0.67)
Net assets at June 30 or December 31 of year shown (1,2)	\$20.12	\$18.94	\$17.04	\$17.18	\$18.21

Series F inception date: May 18, 2012

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase or decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period. This table is not meant to be a reconciliation of beginning to ending net assets per share.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were paid to unitholders by way of a combination of both cash payments and reinvestments in additional units of the Fund.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Fund's Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Units per Unit

Series FI	JUN 30, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period (1)	\$21.22	\$18.90	\$18.87	\$19.81	\$16.70
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	0.29	0.66	0.70	0.59	0.52
Total expenses	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.04)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	1.24	1.45	0.77	0.72	0.28
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	0.36	1.34	(0.63)	(1.44)	3.08
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	1.86	3.39	0.79	(0.18)	3.84
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.43)	(0.37)	(0.42)	(0.33)	(0.25)
From capital gains	-	(0.71)	(0.33)	(0.20)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	(0.24)	(0.47)
Total distributions (2,3)	(0.43)	(1.08)	(0.75)	(0.77)	(0.72)
Net assets at June 30 or December 31 of year shown (1,2)	\$22.65	\$21.22	\$18.90	\$18.87	\$19.81

Series FI inception date: June 28, 2018

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#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Ratios & Supplemental Data:**

Series A	JUN 30, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$80,453	\$76,782	\$73 <i>,</i> 411	\$77 <i>,</i> 542	\$77,690
Number of units outstanding (1)	4,578,721	4,615,613	4,853,332	5,026,083	4,699,202
Management expense ratio (2)	2.19%	2.21%	2.27%	2.19%	2.18%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (3)	2.19%	2.21%	2.27%	2.19%	2.18%
Portfolio turnover rate (4)	54.11%	85.74%	63.26%	35.99%	18.20%
Trading expense ratio (5)	0.12%	0.11%	0.08%	0.05%	0.03%
Net asset value per unit	\$17.57	\$16.64	\$15.13	\$15.43	\$16.53
Series A inception date: May 30, 2012					

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Series F	JUN 30, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$315,824	\$320,580	\$294,795	\$280,901	\$269,222
Number of units outstanding (1)	15,700,614	16,922,964	17,302,066	16,348,055	14,780,345
Management expense ratio (2)	1.12%	1.13%	1.14%	1.11%	1.10%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (3)	1.12%	1.13%	1.14%	1.11%	1.10%
Portfolio turnover rate (4)	54.11%	85.74%	63.26%	35.99%	18.20%
Trading expense ratio (5)	0.12%	0.11%	0.08%	0.05%	0.03%
Net asset value per unit	\$20.12	\$18.94	\$17.04	\$17.18	\$18.21

Series F inception date: May 18, 2012

Series Fl	JUN 30, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$75 <i>,</i> 888	\$70 <i>,</i> 192	\$66,647	\$64,367	\$64,429
Number of units outstanding (1)	3,351,050	3,307,452	3,526,159	3,411,390	3,252,671
Management expense ratio (2)	0.15%	0.15%	0.12%	0.13%	0.12%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption (3)	0.15%	0.15%	0.12%	0.13%	0.12%
Portfolio turnover rate (4)	54.11%	85.74%	63.26%	35.99%	18.20%
Trading expense ratio (5)	0.12%	0.11%	0.08%	0.05%	0.03%
Net asset value per unit	\$22.65	\$21.22	\$18.90	\$18.87	\$19.81

Series FI inception date: June 28, 2018

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at June 30 or December 31 of the years shown.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding margin interest, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Manager of the Fund, CC&L Funds Inc., may waive certain fees or absorb certain expenses otherwise payable by the Fund. The amount of expenses waived or absorbed is determined periodically on a series by series basis at the discretion of the manager and the manager can terminate the waiver or absorption at any time.

<sup>(4)</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio advisor trades its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a Fund's portfolio turnover in a year, the greater the trading costs payable by the Fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of the Fund.

<sup>(5)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents margin interest, borrow fees on investments sold short, total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net asset value during the period.

#### **MANAGEMENT FEES**

#### **Management Fees**

The Fund is managed by CFI. As consideration for providing investment advisory and management services, CFI receives a management fee from the Fund, based on the net asset value of the respective series, calculated daily and payable monthly in arrears. In respect of units of all series of the Fund, the management fee is paid by the Portfolio to CFI. No management fees are charged to the Fund with respect to Series FI units; rather investors who hold Series FI units will be subject to a management fee for their account that is paid to their dealer. The Manager receives a fee from each dealer for the services it provides to the dealer in connection with the dealer's separately managed account or unified managed account programs. Management fees on Series FI units are not expenses of the Fund. CFI uses a portion of management fees to pay for trailing commissions to registered dealers (if applicable) based on amounts invested in the Fund. CFI uses the remaining portion of the management fees to pay for investment advice, including fees charged by the Fund's portfolio manager, and general administration expenses and retains the balance for profit. The following table summarizes the annual management fee rates (excluding GST and HST) of each series of the Fund, expressed as a percentage of the Fund's value, and the portion used for dealer compensation and the portion used for or attributed to investment advice, general administration and profit.

### As a percentage of management fees

	Annual Rates	Dealer Compensation	Investment advice, administration and profit
Series A	1.90%	52.63%	47.37%
Series F	0.90%	0.00%	100.00%
Series FI	0.00%	0.00%	00.00%

#### PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L EQUITY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND SERIES A

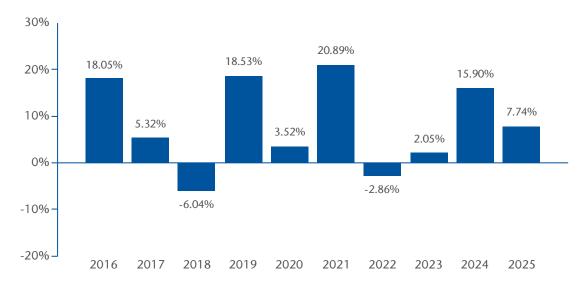
#### **Past Performance**

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#### **Year-by-year Returns**

The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025 and illustrate how the Fund's performance has changed from period to period. The charts show, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial period would have grown or decreased by the last day of each financial period.

#### **CC&L Equity Income and Growth Fund Series A**



#### PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L EQUITY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND SERIES F

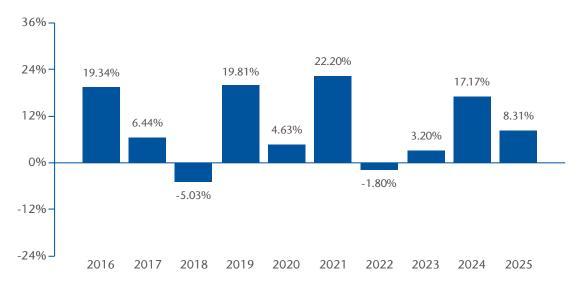
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#### PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L EQUITY INCOME AND GROWTH FUND SERIES FI

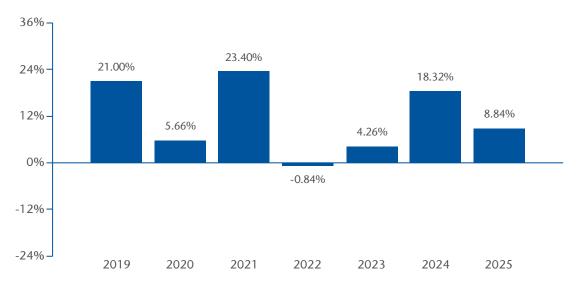
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#### **CC&L Equity Income and Growth Fund Series FI**



#### **SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO**

Below is a breakdown of the Fund's investment holdings as at June 30, 2025. The individual holdings and their relative percentage of the overall fund will change between reporting periods as markets change and the portfolio manager buys and sells individual securities.

Asset Mix	% of Net Asset Value	Top 25 Investments	% of Net Asset Value
Canadian equities	92.9	Royal Bank of Canada	7.8
U.S. equities	5.1	Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.9
Foreign equities	0.6	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	4.0
Short-term investments	1.4	Manulife Financial Corp.	3.9
Other assets less liabilities	0.0	·	
	100.0	Enbridge Inc.	3.3
Asset Mix	% of Net Asset Value	Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	3.2
Communication services	0.5	Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd	3.1
Consumer discretionary	3.7	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp	3.0
Consumer staples	4.9	Brookfield Asset Management Lt	2.8
Energy	12.0	Constellation Software Inc.	2.8
Financials	37.5	Franco-Nevada Corp.	2.7
Health care	1.8	TC Energy Corp	2.5
Industrials	16.7	Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	2.5
Information technology	7.1	, and the second	
Materials	10.8	Canadian National Railway	2.4
Real estate	0.0	Intact Financial Corp.	2.4
Utilities	5.0	Microsoft Corp.	2.4
Other assets less liabilities	0.0	Thomson Reuters Corporation	2.4
	100.0	Capital Power Corp	2.3
		Element Fleet Management Corp	2.3
		National Bank of Canada	1.9
		ARC Resources Ltd	1.8
		WSP Global Inc.	1.8
		Chartwell Retirement Residences	1.8
		Oracle Corp.	1.8
		TMX Group Ltd.	1.6
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Note: The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of this Fund. The top 25 investment holdings are made available quarterly, 60 days after quarter end.