



CC&L Core Income & Growth Fund

Management Report of Fund Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2025

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MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE

Investment Objective and Strategies

Investment Objectives — The CC&L Core Income and Growth Fund (the “Fund”) seeks to deliver an attractive and sustainable yield and growth to outpace inflation by primarily investing in a diversified mix of dividend paying Canadian equities, REITs and equity securities of real estate companies, and corporate bonds.

The fundamental investment objective of the Fund cannot be changed without the approval of a majority of the unitholders at a meeting called to consider the change.

Investment Strategies — To achieve the Fund’s investment objectives, the manager, Connor, Clark & Lunn Funds Inc. (“CFI” or the “Manager”) has retained Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd., as portfolio manager, to invest the assets of the Fund with full authority and responsibility for security selection.

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objectives by diligently selecting and actively managing a diversified portfolio of high-income investments across a broad range of income oriented securities. These may include equities, income trusts, limited partnerships, real estate investment trusts (REITS), corporate bonds, convertible bonds, preferred shares, other income funds and other investments, in accordance with the investment objectives and investment strategy.

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Risk

During the year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025, the risk profile of the Fund was managed in accordance with the goals set out in the simplified prospectus. In the view of the Manager, the risks associated with an investment in the portfolio are adequately described in the simplified prospectus and have not altered as result of subsequent changes in the underlying investments.

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Results of Operations

As at December 31, 2025, CC&L Core Income & Growth Fund (the “Fund”) held \$136.4 million in total net assets. During the year ended December 31, 2025, investors in Series A units in the Fund experienced a return of 15.71%. The benchmark for the Fund (50% S&P/TSX Composite Index, 25% S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index, 25% FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index) returned 19.11% over the year. The performance of the different series within the funds will vary due to the differences in their expense structures. For specific returns by series, please refer to the “Past Performance” section of this 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. April opened with a severe risk-off tone driven by President Trump’s sweeping tariff announcement. Investor sentiment, however, improved quickly over the following month as trade tensions de-escalated, but the focus shifted to US fiscal risks. Canadian equities advanced in the third quarter, supported by economic resilience, stronger-than-expected corporate earnings, and accommodative monetary policy. Despite tariff concerns, earnings in both Canada and the U.S. were robust, with 2026 guidance consistently revised higher.

Signs of softening employment conditions emerged in both economies over the summer months. In response, the Federal Reserve and the Bank of Canada each cut interest rates in September. Meanwhile, the EU, Japan, Canada, and other regions reached trade agreements at tariff levels lower than feared. The combination of lower policy rates, strong earnings, and greater clarity on trade policy created a constructive backdrop for equities. In 2025, the TSX posted its strongest calendar-year return since 2009, placing 2025 in the top decile of annual performance over the past 50 years. Despite significant shifts in global trade dynamics, strong commodity prices, easing global monetary policy, and enthusiasm around artificial intelligence drove Canadian equities to a blockbuster year.

The portfolio generated a positive return but underperformed its benchmark in 2025. Security selection drove the underperformance while sector positioning contributed positively. From a security selection perspective, stock picking within financials and utilities was the largest source of detractor. Within financials, with the overweight position in Brookfield Asset Management detracted value. Within utilities, the overweight position in Capital Power also detracted value. On the positive side, from a sector perspective, the significant underweight to real estate was the largest source of added value.

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Recent Developments

We continue to expect an uneven but improving economic backdrop in the year ahead, supported by ongoing fiscal and monetary accommodation in both the U.S. and Canada. In the U.S., we expect robust nominal GDP growth (>4%), driven by both inflation and real GDP. Economic expectations in Canada are also positive, though more modest, with pro-business policy direction under Carney and supportive monetary policy providing a tailwind into 2026.

Despite recent above-average equity market returns and elevated valuations, our base case remains constructive for equities, with 2026 returns primarily driven by earnings growth. A strong nominal growth backdrop is supportive for earnings, particularly as wage inflation moderates and AI adoption has the potential to lift margins more than expected. That said, downside risks remain above average given labor market softening, sticky inflation limiting policy flexibility, and uncertainty around the full impact of tariffs. While global monetary policy remains accommodative, the balance is becoming more complex as central banks navigate labor and inflation trade-offs, which could result in increased volatility. Overall, we expect positive equity returns, though likely lower than recent history and with greater variability.

In this environment, we are maintaining a balanced portfolio. We hold high-quality cyclical exposure through financials, base metals, and autos, complemented by holdings in more stable businesses such as midstream energy companies and defensive industrials. Within gold, we have added high-quality producers given expectations for elevated prices and strong free cash flow generation in 2026. Infrastructure must still be built to meet AI demand, regardless of return on investment concerns at large AI platforms, so we remain focused on AI infrastructure companies within Canada. We have also added general infrastructure companies positioned to benefit from increased capital expenditure tied to deglobalization and protectionist policies. During the quarter, we reduced exposure to select industrial holdings with less favorable outlooks.

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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.

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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 year ended December 31, 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 year ended December 31, 2025.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

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

Series A	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period ⁽¹⁾	\$31.34	\$30.49	\$31.21	\$35.06	\$31.01
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	1.04	1.06	1.10	0.93	0.89
Total expenses	(0.75)	(0.73)	(0.74)	(0.75)	(0.75)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.19	2.00	1.49	1.83	0.89
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.27	0.61	(0.82)	(4.40)	4.33
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	4.75	2.94	1.03	(2.39)	5.36
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.63)	(0.40)	(0.31)
From capital gains	(2.44)	(1.50)	(1.15)	(1.08)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	(1.00)
Total distributions ^(2,3)	(3.04)	(2.10)	(1.78)	(1.48)	(1.31)
Net assets at December 31 of year shown ^(1,2)	\$33.13	\$31.34	\$30.49	\$31.21	\$35.06

Series A inception date: June 13, 2012

Series C	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period ⁽¹⁾	\$33.61	\$32.47	\$33.02	\$36.89	\$32.44
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	1.12	1.13	1.16	0.97	0.93
Total expenses	(0.66)	(0.63)	(0.65)	(0.66)	(0.66)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.44	2.13	1.61	1.91	0.94
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.39	0.70	(0.93)	(4.76)	4.52
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	5.29	3.33	1.19	(2.54)	5.73
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.65)	(0.40)	(0.31)
From capital gains	(2.57)	(1.57)	(1.17)	(1.09)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	(1.00)
Total distributions ^(2,3)	(3.17)	(2.17)	(1.82)	(1.49)	(1.31)
Net assets at December 31 of year shown ^(1,2)	\$35.79	\$33.61	\$32.47	\$33.02	\$36.89

Series C inception date: June 4, 2012

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

(2) 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.

(3) 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 F	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Net Assets, beginning of period ⁽¹⁾	\$37.13	\$35.54	\$35.78	\$39.61	\$34.51
Increase (decrease) from operations:					
Total revenues	1.24	1.25	1.27	1.07	0.99
Total expenses	(0.48)	(0.47)	(0.46)	(0.46)	(0.45)
Realized gains (losses) for the period	3.84	2.36	1.72	2.07	0.98
Unrealized gains (losses) for the period	1.56	0.72	(0.94)	(4.87)	4.88
Total increase (decrease) from operations ⁽²⁾	6.16	3.86	1.59	(2.19)	6.40
Distributions:					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.60)	(0.60)	(0.63)	(0.40)	(0.31)
From capital gains	(2.79)	(1.67)	(1.25)	(1.12)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	(1.00)
Total distributions ^(2,3)	(3.39)	(2.27)	(1.88)	(1.52)	(1.31)
Net assets at December 31 of year shown ^(1,2)	\$39.94	\$37.13	\$35.54	\$35.78	\$39.61

Series F inception date: June 19, 2012

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Ratios & Supplemental Data:

Series A	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) ⁽¹⁾	\$49,138	\$49,986	\$50,392	\$52,231	\$58,292
Number of units outstanding ⁽¹⁾	1,483,201	1,594,824	1,652,825	1,673,537	1,662,524
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	2.24%	2.23%	2.31%	2.23%	2.19%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption ⁽³⁾	2.24%	2.23%	2.31%	2.23%	2.19%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	73.79%	65.22%	59.66%	40.34%	19.86%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	0.07%	0.08%	0.07%	0.04%	0.02%
Net asset value per unit	\$33.13	\$31.34	\$30.49	\$31.21	\$35.06

Series A inception date: June 13, 2012

Series C	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) ⁽¹⁾	\$5,439	\$5,625	\$6,687	\$8,290	\$15,777
Number of units outstanding ⁽¹⁾	151,986	167,374	205,966	251,060	427,663
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	1.80%	1.79%	1.88%	1.83%	1.81%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption ⁽³⁾	1.80%	1.79%	1.88%	1.83%	1.81%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	73.79%	65.22%	59.66%	40.34%	19.86%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	0.07%	0.08%	0.07%	0.04%	0.02%
Net asset value per unit	\$35.79	\$33.61	\$32.47	\$33.02	\$36.89

Series C inception date: June 4, 2012

Series F	DEC 31, 25	DEC 31, 24	DEC 31, 23	DEC 31, 22	DEC 31, 21
Total net asset value (000s) ⁽¹⁾	\$81,762	\$78,294	\$81,586	\$80,922	\$73,487
Number of units outstanding ⁽¹⁾	2,047,269	2,108,500	2,295,491	2,261,378	1,855,348
Management expense ratio ⁽²⁾	1.15%	1.18%	1.18%	1.16%	1.14%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorption ⁽³⁾	1.15%	1.18%	1.18%	1.16%	1.14%
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	73.79%	65.22%	59.66%	40.34%	19.86%
Trading expense ratio ⁽⁵⁾	0.07%	0.08%	0.07%	0.04%	0.02%
Net asset value per unit	\$39.94	\$37.13	\$35.54	\$35.78	\$39.61

Series F inception date: June 19, 2012

(1) This information is provided as at December 31 of the years shown.

(2) 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.

(3) 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 other than Series FI, the management fee is paid by the Fund 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.

	Annual Rates	As a percentage of management fees	
		Dealer Compensation	Investment advice, administration and profit
Series A	1.90%	52.63%	47.37%
Series C	1.50%	26.67%	73.33%
Series F	0.90%	0.00%	100.00%
Series FI	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

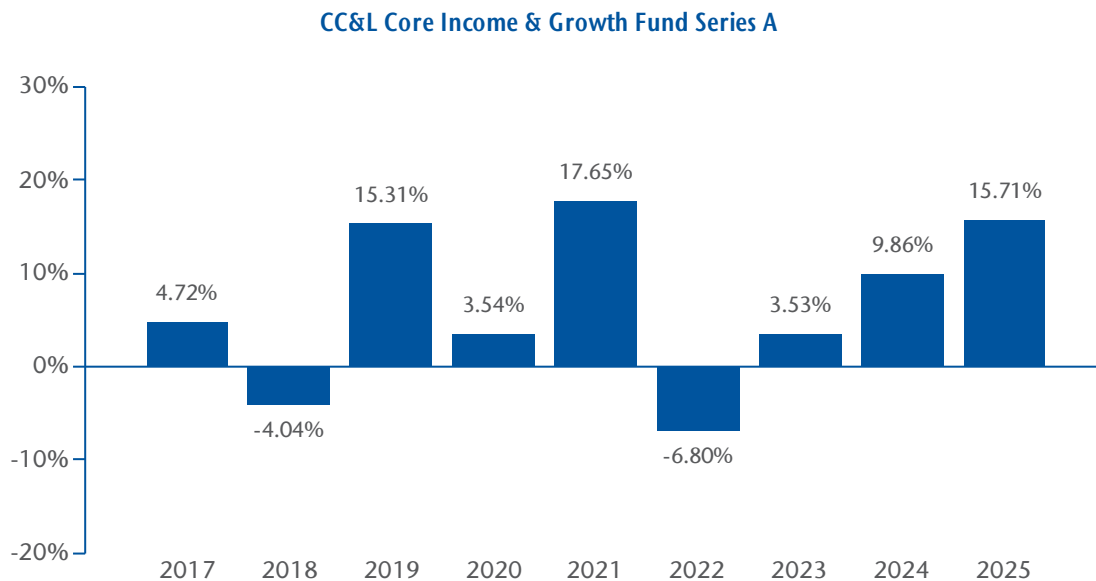
PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L CORE INCOME & GROWTH FUND SERIES A

Past Performance

The performance information shown below assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional units of the Fund. Note that the performance information does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. How the Fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

Year-by-year Returns

The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown and for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 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.



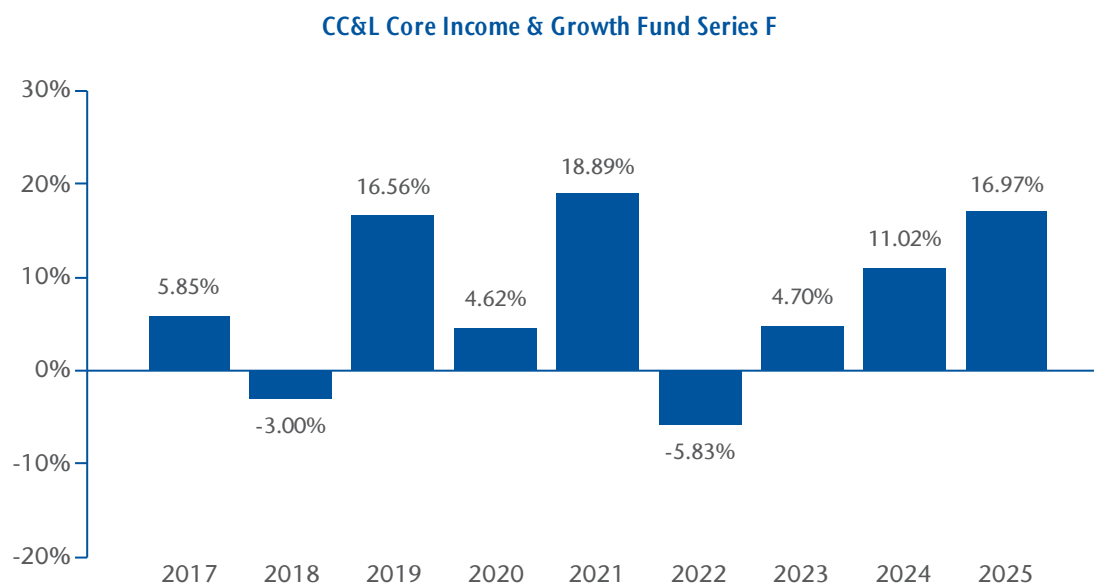
PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L CORE INCOME & GROWTH FUND SERIES F

Past Performance

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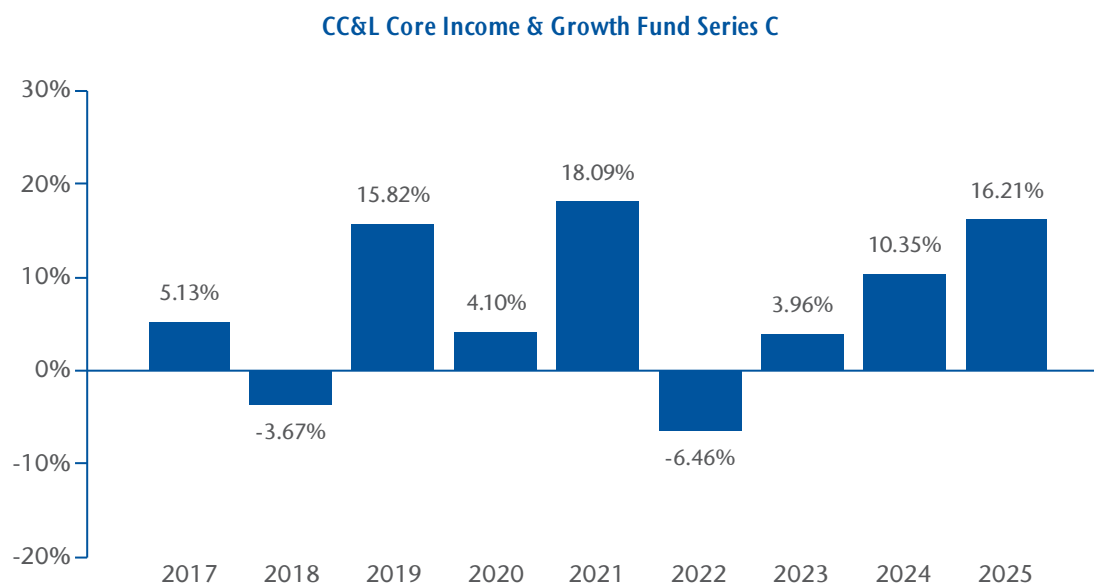
PAST PERFORMANCE - CC&L CORE INCOME & GROWTH FUND SERIES C

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Annual Compound Returns

The table below shows past performance for the last one, three, five and ten year financial periods, as applicable, for each series of the Fund, relative to the performance of relevant broad-based securities market index during the same periods.

CC&L Core Income & Growth Fund	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception	Inception Date
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* The benchmark is 50% S&P/TSX Composite Index & 25% S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index & 25% FTSE Canada All Corporate Bond Index in Canadian Dollars. Index from May 2012.

SUMMARY OF INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Below is a breakdown of the Fund's investment holdings as at December 31, 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	71.0	Royal Bank of Canada	5.9
U.S. equities	2.8	Toronto-Dominion Bank	4.3
Foreign equities	1.6	Bell Canada 3.0% 2031.03.17	4.0
Fixed income	23.8	Hydro One Inc 4.91% 2028.01.27	3.9
Short-term investments	0.7	Enbridge Inc. 4.57% 2044.03.11	3.3
Other assets less liabilities	0.1	National Bank Of Canada 5.279% 2029.02.15	3.2
	100.0	Telus Corp 4.95% 2031.02.18	3.0
		Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	2.9
		Barrick Mining Corp	2.8
		CU Inc 4.085% 2044.09.02	2.6
		Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	2.5
		Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd	2.2
		Manulife Financial Corp.	2.2
		Kinross Gold Corp.	2.1
		National Bank of Canada	2.0
		Brookfield Asset Management Lt	1.9
		Lundin Mining	1.8
		Bank Of Montreal 5.039% 2028.05.29	1.7
		Great West Lifeco	1.7
		Microsoft Corp.	1.7
		TC Energy Corp	1.6
		Chartwell Retirement Residences	1.6
		Crombie Real Estate Invt Trust	1.5
		Capital Power Corp	1.5
		Enbridge Inc.	1.3
			63.3

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.