



# PORTLAND CANADIAN BALANCED FUND



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OWNERS. OPERATORS. AND INVESTORS.

(as at December 31, 2017)

|  | Series Start Date | MER (after absorptions as at September 30, 2017) <sup>4</sup> | Net Asset Value Per Unit (as at December 31, 2017) | PERFORMANCE (as at December 31, 2017) |          |        |                     |                     |                              |
|--|-------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|  |                   |   |  | 3 Months                              | 6 Months | 1 Year | 3 Year <sup>4</sup> | 5 Year <sup>4</sup> | Since Inception <sup>4</sup> |
| Portland Canadian Balanced Fund - Series A | Oct. 31, 2012     | 2.82%   | \$15.2008  | 4.4%                                  | 6.3%     | 9.6%   | 9.2%                | 10.2%               | 10.4%                        |
| Portland Canadian Balanced Fund - Series F | Oct. 31, 2012     | 1.69%   | \$15.5637  | 4.7%                                  | 6.9%     | 10.8%  | 10.4%               | 11.5%               | 11.6%                        |
| S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index       | -                 | -   | -  | 4.5%                                  | 8.3%     | 9.1%   | 6.6%                | 8.6%                | 8.5%                         |

## FUND FACTS

|                    |                          |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Fund Net Assets    | \$9.5 million            |
| CIFSC* Asset Class | Canadian Equity Balanced |
| Risk Tolerance     | Low to Medium            |

## HOW THE FUND IS MANAGED

- Active asset allocation
- Active management of equities to enhance returns
- Focused number of equity holdings
- Passive management of fixed income for diversification
- Willingness to hold cash and hedge currency
- Objectives (in Canadian Equity Balanced category):
  - Capital growth
  - Positive long-term total returns
  - Income generation

## KEY REASONS TO INVEST

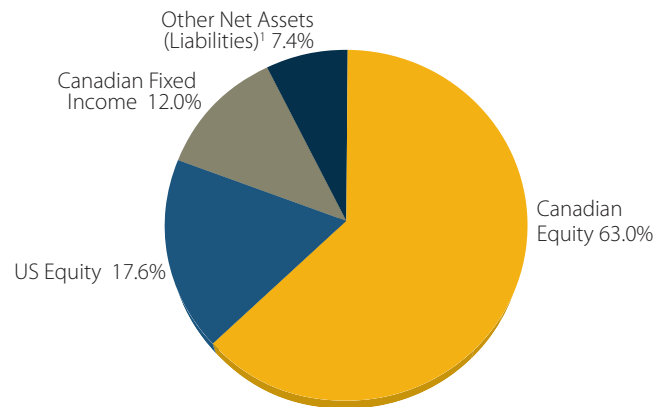
- Fund objectives are:
  - Positive long-term total returns
  - Capital growth
  - Income generation

## PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

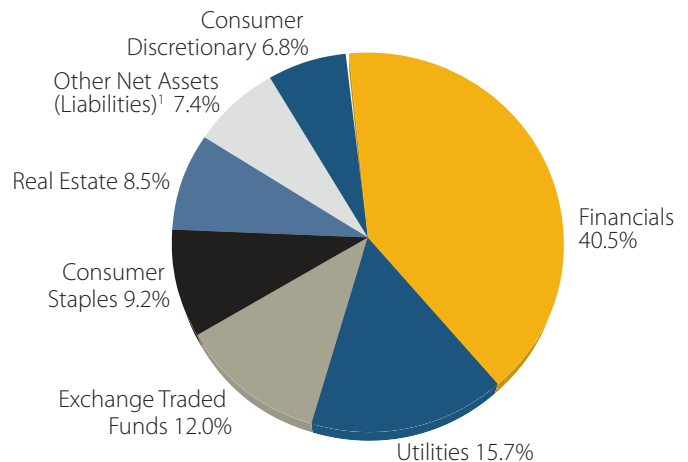
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Portfolio Manager

## Asset Mix



## Sector Mix





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

|  |      |
|--|------|
| Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc.                     | 9.2% |
| Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce                 | 9.1% |
| The Toronto-Dominion Bank                          | 8.6% |
| Fortis Inc.  | 8.5% |
| RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust                | 8.5% |
| The Bank of Nova Scotia                            | 8.2% |
| Cash   | 7.5% |
| Emera Incorporated                                 | 7.2% |
| Time Warner Inc.                                   | 6.8% |
| Royal Bank of Canada                               | 4.9% |
| Power Financial Corporation                        | 4.8% |
| BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF             | 4.0% |
| iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index ETF | 4.0% |
| Horizons Active Preferred Share ETF                | 4.0% |
| Bank of Montreal                                   | 3.2% |
| Berkshire Hathaway Inc.                            | 1.6% |

## FUND COMMENTARY (as at December 31, 2017)

For the quarter ended December 31, 2017, the Fund's Series F units had a return of 4.7%. For the same period, the Fund's benchmark, the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, had a return of 4.5%. For the full period since inception of the Fund on October 31, 2012 to December 31, 2017, the Fund's Series F units had an annualized return of 11.6%. For the same period, the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index had an annualized return of 8.5%. Unlike the Index, the Fund's return is after the deduction of its fees and expenses. The Fund's net asset value at December 31, 2017 was \$9.5 million. On a cumulative basis since its inception, the Fund has experienced both positive net sales and positive investment performance. Asset mix as at December 31, 2017 was common equities, 80.6%; preferred share exchange-traded funds, 12.0%; and cash and other net assets, 7.4%. By geography, assets were invested in securities of issuers based in Canada, 82.4%; and the United States, 17.6%.

We believe that the Fund is well-positioned to continue to meet its investment objectives as outlined above. A distinguishing feature of the Fund is focused investing, i.e., holding a limited number of investments. Portland Investment Counsel Inc. has long held that the key to wealth creation is owning a few high quality businesses. We employ this approach in the management of the Fund. The concentration into our best investment ideas is expected to continue to aid the Fund in meeting its investment objective. Common shares in the Fund will generally be those of larger-capitalization companies domiciled in Canada, the United States and globally, which we believe have strong financial positions, superior track records and are undervalued. We place a particular emphasis on excellent businesses with above-average dividend yields and satisfactory historic and prospective dividend growth.

## POTENTIAL RISKS

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

| Fund Name                       | CANADIAN DOLLAR             |            |           |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|                                 | 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

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 [dividends] and does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or optional charges or income taxes payable by any securityholder in respect of a participating fund that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Risk tolerance measures the degree of uncertainty that an investor can handle regarding fluctuations in the value of their portfolio. The amount of risk associated with any particular investment depends largely on your own personal circumstances including your time horizon, liquidity needs, portfolio size, income, investment knowledge and attitude toward price fluctuations. Investors should consult their Financial Advisor before making a decision as to whether this Fund is a suitable investment for them.

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