

# AGF Canadian Growth Equity Class



Series F

Fundamental - Canadian Equity

As of October 31, 2023

## Key Reasons to Invest

- The Fund provides exposure to Canadian companies that are expected to profit from future economic growth.
- For investors seeking an "all-cap" Canadian equity Fund that provides exposure to the growth potential of small, medium and large capitalization companies.

## Investment Objective

The fund's objective is to provide capital growth. It invests primarily in shares of Canadian companies that are expected to profit from future economic growth.

## Investment Strategy

The portfolio manager uses a bottom-up growth investment style, focusing on companies that it believes may exhibit superior growth potential. When evaluating companies, it looks for four key characteristics:

- strong management
- above-average growth
- financial strength
- attractive valuations

The Fund may also invest in foreign securities, which will vary from time to time. Foreign securities are not typically expected to exceed 49% of the net assets of the Fund at the time of purchase.

Effective July 5, 2023, AGF Canadian Growth Equity Class is closed to new investors. The fund will remain available to existing investors, including those with systematic investment plans.

The Overall Morningstar Ratings™ and Morningstar Quartile Rankings are series specific as inception date, performance and fee characteristics vary by series. The Overall Morningstar Rating™ measures risk-adjusted returns and is derived from a weighted average of the performance figures associated with its 3-, 5- and 10-year (if applicable) rating metrics.

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Overall Morningstar Rating™ <sup>1</sup>	★
Morningstar Category	Canadian Equity
Performance Start Date (PSD)	January 20, 2000
Overall Fund Net Assets	\$296.5 million
MER <sup>2</sup>	1.56%
Trading Expense Ratio	0.12%
Risk Profile	
Benchmark	S&P/TSX Composite Index

<sup>1</sup> Compared with 510 funds in the Canadian Equity category as of October 31, 2023.

## Fund Codes

Series	CAD	USD
MF	204	4087
F	853	

## Distributions (Series F)

	2022	2021	2020
\$Amount/Unit	0.00	0.00	0.00
As Declared <sup>3</sup>	Last paid on: 2023-10-27 \$4.616/Unit		

Please refer to AGF.com for distribution information.

<sup>2</sup> MER as of March 31, 2023. AGFI may, in its discretion, temporarily waive some or all of the expenses of the Fund, which will result in a reduction in the MER. AGFI may cease to offer any such waiver at any time without notice.

<sup>3</sup> The distribution is not guaranteed, may be adjusted from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager and may vary from payment to payment.

## Net Compound Returns (CAD) (%)

	1 MO.	3 MO.	6 MO.	YTD	1 YR.	2 YR.	3 YR.	5 YR.	10 YR.	PSD <sup>†</sup>
<b>Fund</b>	-3.5	-6.9	-5.4	1.0	0.3	-5.3	5.4	2.3	2.2	3.3
<b>Morningstar Quartile Ranking<sup>**</sup></b>	4	2	1	2	2	4	4	4	4	-
<b>Number of Funds in the Category</b>	621	621	614	604	602	554	510	451	278	-

<sup>†</sup> Performance start date as of January 20, 2000. **Past performance is not indicative of future results.** Rates of return for greater than one year have been annualized.

## Net Annual Returns (CAD) (%)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>Fund</b>	-10.8	17.1	-1.3	16.7	-16.6	3.1	17.1	-0.2	-1.9	11.6
<b>Morningstar Quartile Ranking<sup>**</sup></b>	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	4
<b>Number of Funds in the Category</b>	608	610	674	732	616	572	512	494	470	404

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<sup>\*\*</sup> The Morningstar category for the Fund changed from Canadian Small/Mid Cap Equity to Canadian Equity on June 30, 2020. Morningstar Quartile Rankings are calculated as of October 31, 2023 and subject to change monthly. They are calculated based on the Fund's total return percentile rank compared to other funds in the Morningstar Canadian Equity category. Percentile ranks are then mapped into quartiles with (1) representing 1-25, (2) representing 26-50, (3) representing 51-75 and (4) representing 76-100 percentile ranks.

## Top 10 Holdings (% of Total Net Assets)

Total Holdings: **61**

Company Name	Country	Sector	Weight
Royal Bank of Canada	Canada	Financials	6.53%
Bank of Montreal	Canada	Financials	4.71%
Toronto-Dominion Bank	Canada	Financials	4.24%
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	Canada	Energy	4.10%
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	Canada	Energy	3.23%
Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd.	Canada	Industrials	3.17%
Constellation Software Inc.	Canada	Information Technology	3.14%
Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	Canada	Consumer Staples	2.94%
Suncor Energy Inc.	Canada	Energy	2.59%
Sun Life Financial Inc.	Canada	Financials	2.47%
<b>Total</b>			<b>37.1%</b>

## Portfolio Characteristics

	Portfolio
Active Share	43.9%
Price to Earnings	17.6
Forward Sales Growth	1.8%
Forward Earnings Growth	18.6%
Forward Price to Earnings	13.2
Return on Equity	11.7%
Turnover	82.9%
Weighted Average Market Cap (\$ billions)	54.1

## Sector Allocation

	Portfolio
Financials	26.1%
Energy	18.4%
Industrials	17.9%
Materials	12.3%
Information Technology	8.4%
Consumer Discretionary	3.8%
Real Estate	3.3%
Consumer Staples	2.9%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	6.9%

## Asset Mix

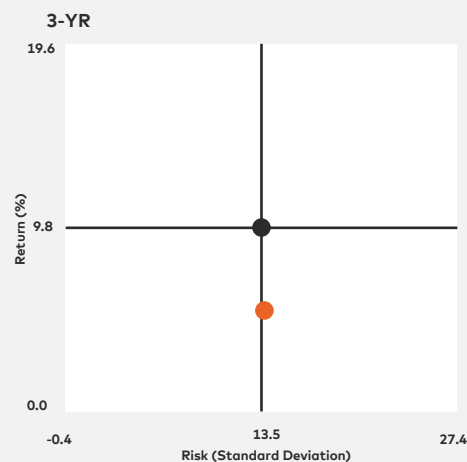
	Portfolio
<b>Equity</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
Canadian Equity	92.0%
United States Equity	1.1%
<b>Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>6.9%</b>

## Risk Characteristics (3 & 5 Year Annualized)

Portfolio	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	13.5%	17.6%
Sharpe Ratio	0.26	0.03
Beta	0.96	0.97
Tracking Error	2.8%	3.5%
Upside Capture	83.7%	83.2%
Downside Capture	106.0%	104.0%

Morningstar Canadian Equity Category^	3-Year	5-Year
Standard Deviation	13.5%	15.5%
Sharpe Ratio	0.60	0.40
Beta	0.92	0.93

## Risk vs. Returns



- AGF Canadian Growth Equity Class
- Funds in the Morningstar Canadian Equity category^

^ Morningstar category performance is calculated as the average return of a portfolio constructed of all series of all funds in the category as of the end of each month.

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## Investment Management Team

The team, working with AGF's North American research group, uses fundamental and quantitative analysis combined with their own individual investment styles to manage the Canadian equity funds.

## Portfolio Managers



### **Mike Archibald, CFA®, CMT, CAIA**

VP & Portfolio Manager  
AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 2007
- Firm Exp: since 2015

## Investment Team/Resources



### **Jonathan Lo, MBA**

VP, Growth Equities  
AGF Investments Inc.

- Industry Exp: since 2004
- Firm Exp: since 2012

## Equity Analyst Team

### **Richard Fisher, M.A. (Econ.)**

Global Banks, Transportation

### **Georgina Goldring, CFA®**

Telecommunication Services, Utilities

### **Ling Han, M.Sc., MBA, CFA®**

Chemicals, Health Care

### **Grace Huang, MBA, CFA®**

Information Technology, Communication Services

### **John Kratochwil, MBA, P.Eng.**

Materials, Real Estate

### **Henry Kwok, MBA**

Consumer Discretionary, Consumer Staples

### **Lazar Naiker**

Industrials

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Energy

### **Wai Tong, MBA, P.Eng., CFA®**

Industrials

### **Wyeth Wright, CFA®**

Non-Bank Financials

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Headquartered in Toronto, Canada, AGF has investment operations and client servicing teams on the ground in North America and Europe. AGF trades on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol AGF.B.

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On July 1, 2014, AGF Canadian Growth Equity Class benchmark changed from a blended index of 60% S&P/TSX Composite Index / 40% BMO Small Cap Blended Total Return Index (Weighted) to a blended index of 60% S&P/TSX Composite Index / 40% S&P/TSX Small Cap Total Return Index. Then, on June 1, 2020, the Fund's benchmark changed to 100% S&P/TSX Composite Index. In both cases, the benchmark changes were applied from that date forward.

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## Term Definitions

### Active Share

Active Share tracks the disparity between a portfolio manager's holdings and that of its benchmark index. A low Active Share score indicates that a portfolio manager is closely replicating the target index, while a high Active Share score indicates that a fund's holdings diverge significantly from the target index.

### Beta

A measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements (as represented by a benchmark index). The benchmark index has a Beta of 1.0. A Beta of more (less) than 1.0 indicates that a fund's historical returns have fluctuated more (less) than the benchmark index. For example, a Beta of 1.10 shows that the fund performed 10% better than its benchmark index in up markets and 10% worse in down markets, assuming all other factors remain constant.

### Downside Capture (Ratio)

The Downside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was negative. A Downside Capture Ratio of less than 100% is considered desirable.

### Forward Earnings Growth

Forward Earnings are an estimate of a company's earnings for an upcoming period; their growth rate is calculated based on forecasted earnings.

### Forward Price/Earnings (Forward P/E)

A Forward P/E is calculated based on forecasted earnings per share; a stock's current price divided by next year's expected earnings.

### Forward Sales Growth

Forward Sales are an estimate of a company's revenues for an upcoming period; their growth rate is calculated based on forecasted revenue.

### Information Ratio

The Information Ratio is the ratio of the portfolio returns above the returns of the blended benchmark to the volatility of those returns. It's designed to measure the ability to generate excess returns relative to a benchmark on a risk-adjusted basis.

### Management Expense Ratio (MER)

The Management Expense Ratio, commonly referred to as MER, is a measure of the total expenses (fees and other costs) borne by the mutual fund or ETF, expressed as a percentage of the fund's net asset value. The ratio is calculated by dividing the total annual expenses by the average net asset value of the fund for the given year.

### Price/Earnings

(P/E ratio or P/E) The ratio of share price to earnings per share.

### Return on Equity

A profitability ratio calculated as net income divided by average shareholders' equity.

### Risk Profile

The Risk Profile is based on the historical volatility of a fund, as measured by the 10-year annualized standard deviation of the 10-year average returns of the fund. The investment risk level is required to be determined in accordance with the Canadian Securities Administrators' standardized risk classification methodology.

### Sharpe Ratio

Sharpe Ratio characterizes how well the return of a fund compensates the investor for each unit of absolute risk they assume, as measured by the Standard Deviation of the fund. The greater a fund's Sharpe Ratio, the better its risk-adjusted performance has been.

## Term Definitions

### Standard Deviation

A statistical measure of the range/dispersion of a fund's performance. The more variable the returns, the larger the Standard Deviation. When a fund has a high Standard Deviation, it means that its range of performance was wide for the given period, i.e. greater historical volatility. Standard Deviation does not predict the future volatility of a fund.

### Tracking Error

The Tracking Error represents a fund manager's added value variability. It reports the difference between the return received and that of the benchmark being compared to. It is reported as a Standard Deviation percentage difference.

### Trading Expense Ratio (TER)

The total gross expenses divided by the fund's average net assets.

### Turnover (Ratio)

The portfolio Turnover Ratio is the rate at which assets in a fund are bought and sold by the portfolio managers. It is calculated as the minimum of securities bought or sold divided by the average assets over the period.

### Upside Capture (Ratio)

The Upside Capture Ratio is calculated by taking the portfolio's return and dividing it by the benchmark's return in periods when the benchmark return was positive. An Upside Capture Ratio of greater than 100% is considered desirable.

### Weighted Average Market Cap

Market cap is the market value of all the outstanding shares in a company. In a portfolio the Weighted Average Market Cap is the sum of the products of a company's market cap and its percentage allocation in the portfolio.