

Canada Life Canadian Core Plus Bond Fund QFW



December 31, 2025

A fixed-income fund seeking to provide a high level of interest income with the potential for growth.

Is this fund right for you?

- You want to protect your money from inflation while also protecting it from large swings in the market.
- You want to invest in government and corporate bonds, as well as other debt securities issued in Canada and around the world.
- You're comfortable with a low level of risk.

RISK RATING



Fund category
Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income

Inception date
August 07, 2018

Management expense ratio (MER)
0.68%
(September 30, 2025)

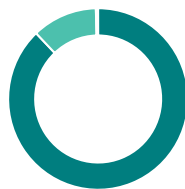
Fund management
Mackenzie Investments

How is the fund invested? (as of October 31, 2025)



Asset allocation (%)

Domestic Bonds	81.8
Foreign Bonds	11.7
Cash and Equivalents	6.3
Canadian Equity	0.1
US Equity	0.1



Geographic allocation (%)

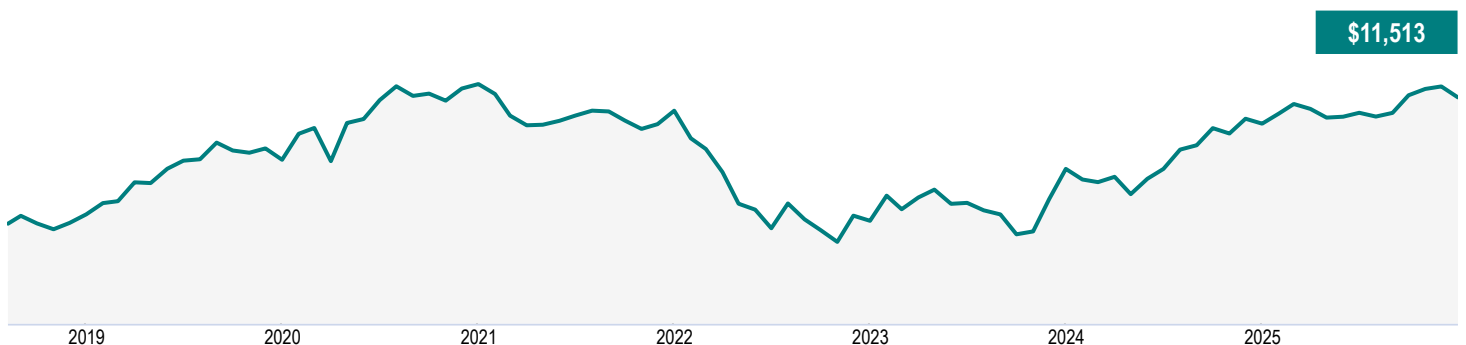
Canada	87.9
United States	11.7
France	0.3
Australia	0.1



Sector allocation (%)

Fixed Income	93.5
Cash and Cash Equivalent	6.3
Consumer Goods	0.1
Utilities	0.1
Financial Services	0.1
Other	-0.1

Growth of \$10,000 (since inception)



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Fund details (as of October 31, 2025)

Top holdings	%
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	10.0
Ontario Province 3.60% 02-Jun-2035	3.5
Quebec Province 4.40% 01-Dec-2055	2.4
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Sep-2030	2.2
Ontario Province 3.95% 02-Dec-2035	1.9
Ontario Province 4.60% 02-Dec-2055	1.8
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Dec-2034	1.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.7
TransCanada Trust 4.65% 18-May-2027	1.7
United States Treasury 4.75% 15-Aug-2055	1.6
Total allocation in top holdings	28.5

Portfolio characteristics	
Standard deviation	5.1%
Dividend yield	3.6%
Yield to maturity	4.0%
Duration (years)	7.1
Coupon	4.3%
Average credit rating	A+
Average market cap (million)	\$32,859.2

Net assets (million)

\$1,248.9

Price

\$9.29

Number of holdings

724

Minimum initial investment

\$500,000

Fund codes

NL – MAX6763

Understanding returns

Annual compound returns (%)

1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
-1.1	-0.2	2.8	2.8	4.7	-0.3	-	1.9

Calendar year returns (%)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
2.8	5.1	6.2	-11.6	-2.7	8.4	6.5	-

Range of returns over five years (September 01, 2018 - December 31, 2025)

Best return	Best period end date	Worst return	Worst period end date	Average Return	% of periods with positive returns	Number of positive periods	Number of negative periods
1.1%	March 2025	-0.6%	July 2025	0.2%	62.1%	18	11

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Q3 2025 Fund Commentary

Market commentary

Canada's economy faced challenges in the third quarter as trade tensions with the U.S. continued. This weighed on trade activity and the manufacturing sector. Household spending demonstrated resiliency despite a slowing labour market and economic uncertainty.

The Bank of Canada (BoC) lowered its key interest rate to 2.50%, citing a weaker labour market and easing inflation. The BoC emphasized a cautious approach to balancing growth and price stability. Canada's unemployment rate was 7.1%, the highest since 2021, with youth unemployment rising sharply.

The Canadian fixed income market posted gains. Yields on 10-year Government of Canada bonds finished at 3.18%, slightly lower than 3.27% at the beginning of the quarter. Government bond prices increased, while investment-grade corporate bonds outperformed. High-yield bonds rose, driven by improving risk sentiment and appetite for income.

Performance

Overweight exposure to Kleopatra Finco SARL (9.0%, 2029/09/01) detracted from the Fund's performance. The bond declined because of lower end-market demand, the withdrawal of expected sponsor equity support and a liability management exercise that weakened market confidence.

At the sector level, government bond exposure contributed to the Fund's performance. Security selection within industrials detracted from performance.

Portfolio activity

The sub-advisor added Warnermedia Holdings Inc. (5.05%, 2042/03/15) for its attractiveness compared to peers, content portfolio and cash flow generation. Warnermedia is also expected to be added to the high-yield index, which would likely improve its liquidity and broaden investor participation. Bruce Power L.P. (4.27%, 2034/12/21) was increased for its long-term contracts, which support cash flow and credit fundamentals. The sub-advisor has a positive view of the company for its defensive profile and high quality.

Government of New Zealand (3.5%, 2033/04/14) was sold after the Reserve Bank of New Zealand lowered its interest rate in August. Carnival Corp. (5.75%, 2027/03/01) was reduced for portfolio management considerations. The proceeds were used to participate in new issues.

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