

# Canada Life Strategic Income Fund - QF5

March 31, 2026

A blended-style fund that emphasizes long-term growth while also providing income.

## Is this fund right for you?

- You're looking to preserve your investment while still allowing it to grow.
- You want to invest in a combination of Canadian common shares, bonds and debentures.
- You're comfortable with a low to medium level of risk.

RISK RATING



**Fund category**  
Canadian Neutral Balanced

**Inception date**  
July 12, 2016

**Management expense ratio (MER)**  
1.18%  
(September 30, 2025)

**Fund management**  
Mackenzie Investments

## How is the fund invested? (as of January 31, 2026)



Asset allocation (%)

Canadian Equity	31.3
Foreign Bonds	23.6
US Equity	17.1
Domestic Bonds	15.6
International Equity	7.8
Cash and Equivalents	3.9
Income Trust Units	0.7



Geographic allocation (%)

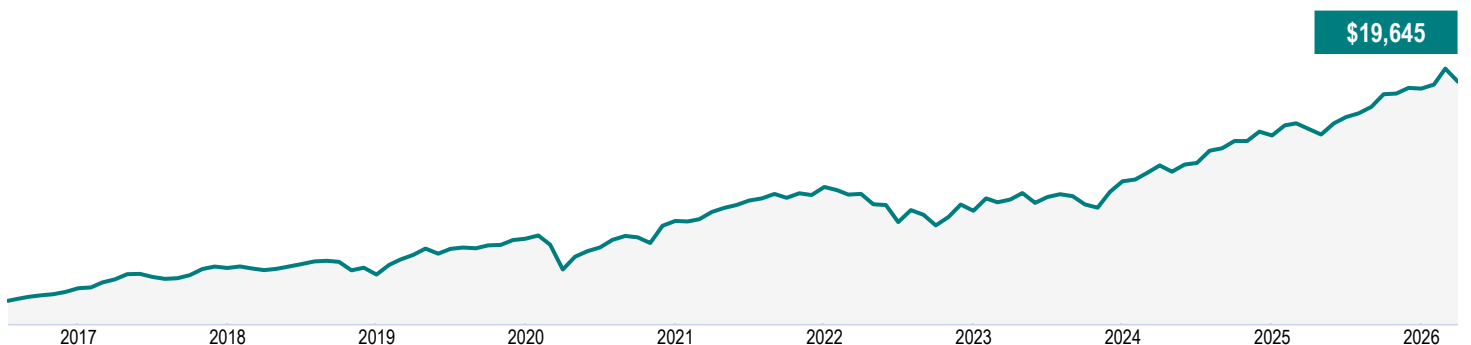
Canada	50.1
United States	40.3
United Kingdom	1.7
France	1.2
Japan	1.0
Germany	0.9
Taiwan	0.7
Switzerland	0.5
Singapore	0.5
Other	3.1



Sector allocation (%)

Fixed Income	39.2
Financial Services	14.0
Technology	8.5
Basic Materials	7.0
Energy	6.9
Industrial Services	4.1
Cash and Cash Equivalent	3.9
Consumer Services	3.9
Industrial Goods	3.3
Other	9.2

## Growth of \$10,000 (since inception)



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## Fund details (as of January 31, 2026)

Top holdings	%
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	3.2
Royal Bank of Canada	2.6
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd	2.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.8
Manulife Financial Corp	1.6
Toronto-Dominion Bank	1.6
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	1.4
NVIDIA Corp	1.3
Microsoft Corp	1.3
Apple Inc	1.1
<b>Total allocation in top holdings</b>	<b>18.2</b>

Portfolio characteristics	
Standard deviation	6.6%
Dividend yield	2.1%
Yield to maturity	4.9%
Duration (years)	5.0
Coupon	4.7%
Average credit rating	BBB+
Average market cap (million)	\$753,140.5

**Net assets (million)**

\$2,516.7

**Price**

\$16.20

**Number of holdings**

2987

**Minimum initial investment**

\$500

**Fund codes**

NL – MAX9223

## Understanding returns

### Annual compound returns (%)

1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
-2.9	1.6	1.6	11.9	10.8	7.2	-	7.2

### Calendar year returns (%)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
12.0	13.2	9.3	-7.0	11.1	6.1	14.1	-2.5

## Range of returns over five years (August 01, 2016 - March 31, 2026)

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
9.1%	March 2025	3.7%	Sept. 2022	6.1%	100.0%	57	0

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## Q4 2025 Fund Commentary

*Commentary and opinions are provided by Mackenzie Investments.*

### Market commentary

The global economy remained resilient in the fourth quarter despite policy uncertainty and the effects of the prolonged U.S. government shutdown. Investor sentiment improved as inflation eased across major regions and expectations grew for continued monetary and fiscal policy support into 2026. Non-U.S. markets benefited from a weaker U.S. dollar and improving valuations, while Asia and Europe saw stronger earnings momentum.

Central banks maintained or extended easing cycles. The U.S. Federal Reserve Board delivered additional rate cuts in October and December, while other major policymakers signaled that accommodative policy conditions will persist. These measures helped sustain risk appetite even as global manufacturing remained soft.

Global fixed income markets delivered modest gains in the fourth quarter as easing inflation and renewed policy support in major economies improved the backdrop for high-quality bonds. Government bonds in developed markets were supported by easing policies. Investment-grade corporate bonds outperformed government bonds in several regions as credit spreads tightened and earnings remained resilient. High-yield bonds also advanced. Credit spreads remained tight across most global markets, consistent with low default expectations and a gradually improving macroeconomic outlook.

Global equity markets rose. The MSCI World Index approached record levels, supported by solid earnings, broadening participation beyond U.S. mega-capitalization stocks and continued enthusiasm for artificial intelligence (AI). Emerging markets outperformed developed market peers, helped by improved sentiment, a favourable currency backdrop and stronger relative earnings trends.

### Performance

Relative overweight exposures to Manulife Financial Corp., Alphabet Inc. and Royal Bank of Canada contributed to the Fund's performance. All three companies reported positive returns. Relative exposure to Barrick Mining Corp., Alphabet Inc. and Northland Power Inc. detracted from performance. Underweight exposure to Barrick Mining was a detractor from performance as the company's stock rose. No exposure to Alphabet's positive stock performance detracted from performance. Overweight exposure to Northland Power was a detractor from performance as the company's shares fell.

Within equities, underweight exposure to the real estate sector contributed to the Fund's performance. Stock selection in the materials sector detracted from performance.

At a regional level, exposure to Taiwan contributed to the Fund's performance while stock selection in Canada detracted from performance.

Within fixed income holdings, a longer-duration (interest rate sensitivity) positioning in government bonds contributed to the Fund's performance as interest rates fell. Exposure to corporate bonds in the communication services sector detracted from the Fund's performance.

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## Portfolio activity

The Fund's holding in Manulife Financial Corp. was increased. The company's shares outperformed based on the company's wealth businesses and growth in its Asian operations. The sub-advisor believes these positive trends could continue and that life insurers may have strong potential for cost savings and increased profitability from AI deployment.

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