

# Canada Life Canadian Core Bond Fund QFW



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A Canadian fixed-income fund seeking to provide interest income and long-term 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 primarily in federal and provincial government bonds as well as medium-to-high quality corporate debt securities.
- You're comfortable with a low level of risk.

RISK RATING



**Fund category**  
Canadian Fixed Income

**Inception date**  
August 07, 2018

**Management expense ratio (MER)**  
0.67%  
(September 30, 2025)

**Fund management**  
Mackenzie Investments

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



### Asset allocation (%)

Domestic Bonds	87.9
Foreign Bonds	8.2
Cash and Equivalents	3.8
Other	0.1



### Geographic allocation (%)

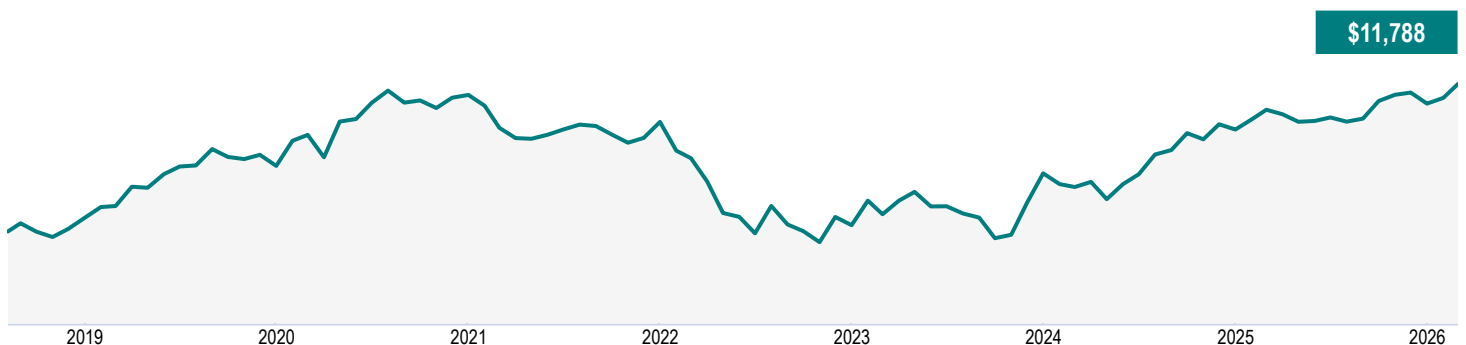
Canada	91.3
United States	7.8
Europe	0.3
France	0.1
Australia	0.1
Germany	0.1
Other	0.3



### Sector allocation (%)

Fixed Income	95.9
Cash and Cash Equivalent	3.8
Financial Services	0.1
Other	0.2

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



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## Fund details (as of December 31, 2025)

Top holdings	%
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	10.0
Ontario Province 3.60% 02-Jun-2035	4.5
Quebec Province 4.40% 01-Dec-2055	3.0
Ontario Province 3.95% 02-Dec-2035	2.9
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Dec-2034	2.7
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Dec-2055	2.6
Ontario Province 4.60% 02-Dec-2055	2.0
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Sep-2030	1.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.6
British Clmbia Invst Mgmt Corp 4.00% 02-Jun-2035	1.2
<b>Total allocation in top holdings</b>	<b>32.2</b>

Portfolio characteristics	
Standard deviation	4.8%
Dividend yield	2.7%
Yield to maturity	3.9%
Duration (years)	7.1
Coupon	4.1%
Average credit rating	A+
Average market cap (million)	\$16,062.2

### Net assets (million)

\$142.0

### Price

\$9.61

### Number of holdings

1915

### Minimum initial investment

\$500,000

### Fund codes

NL – MAX6705

## Understanding returns

### Annual compound returns (%)

1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
1.5	0.9	2.1	2.7	4.9	0.9	-	2.2

### Calendar year returns (%)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
2.8	5.0	6.2	-11.1	-2.8	8.0	6.2	-

## Range of returns over five years (September 01, 2018 - February 28, 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
1.0%	Dec. 2023	-0.7%	July 2025	0.2%	61.3%	19	12

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## Q4 2025 Fund Commentary

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### Market commentary

Canada's economy showed signs of strain in the fourth quarter as U.S. tariffs and weakening trade flows continued to pressure manufacturing and export-oriented sectors. Business confidence softened, and labour-market momentum faded, although household spending remained stable heading into year-end.

The Bank of Canada held its policy rate at 2.25% in December following its 25-basis-point rate cut in October, citing moderating inflation and persistent economic uncertainty. Canada's unemployment rate rose to 6.8% in December, as labour-force growth outpaced hiring and trade-sensitive industries showed renewed weakness.

The Canadian fixed income market delivered modest gains in the fourth quarter given easing inflation and a stable policy stance towards the end of the quarter. The yield on the 10-year Government of Canada (GoC) bond ended December at 3.43%, up from 3.18% at the beginning of the quarter. Government bond prices moved lower and underperformed corporate bonds, which gained. High-yield bonds also rose, supported by the late-year rally in equities and investor demand for carry in a lower-rate environment.

### Performance

Relative exposure to Enbridge Inc. (5.375%, 2077/09/27) contributed to the Fund's performance as corporate bond spreads narrowed. Enbridge remains a core Fund holding given its predictable cash flows. Despite the subordinated nature of Enbridge's debt security, the sub-advisor sees asset coverage and ample equity cushion. A holding in GoC (2.75%, 2055/12/01) bonds detracted from performance as longer-term yields increased.

At a sector level, exposure to corporate bonds contributed to the Fund's performance. Exposure to government bonds detracted from the Fund's performance.

### Portfolio activity

A holding in Sunoco LP (4.375%, 2029/03/26) was added to the Fund to replace a holding in Parkland Corp. Sunoco is one of the largest independent fuel distributors in the Americas and a leading operator of energy infrastructure. The investment reflects the sub-advisor's positive outlook for the credit following Sunoco's announced acquisition of Parkland in a transaction valued at approximately US\$9.1 billion. The Fund's holding in Parkland (4.375%, 2029/03/26) was sold given the acquisition.

The Fund's holding in Maya SAS (7.0%, 2032/04/15) was increased as the company benefits from a diversified service offering and market share growth. The sub-advisor has a positive view of the credit, supported by stable recurring revenues, improving credit metrics and competitive positioning. A holding in Cenovus Energy Inc. (3.5%, 2028/02/07) was reduced to help Fund rebalancing.

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