

Canada Life Diversified Fixed Income Portfolio QFW



May 31, 2026

A fixed-income fund seeking to provide regular income with low volatility.

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 a variety of fixed-income securities, either directly or through other mutual funds.
- You're comfortable with a low level of risk.



Fund category
Canadian Core Plus Fixed Income

Inception date
August 07, 2018

Management expense ratio (MER)
0.86%
(September 30, 2025)

Fund management
Portfolio Solutions Group

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



Asset allocation (%)

Domestic Bonds	77.3
Foreign Bonds	17.8
Cash and Equivalents	3.2
Income Trust Units	0.1
Canadian Equity	0.1
Other	1.5



Geographic allocation (%)

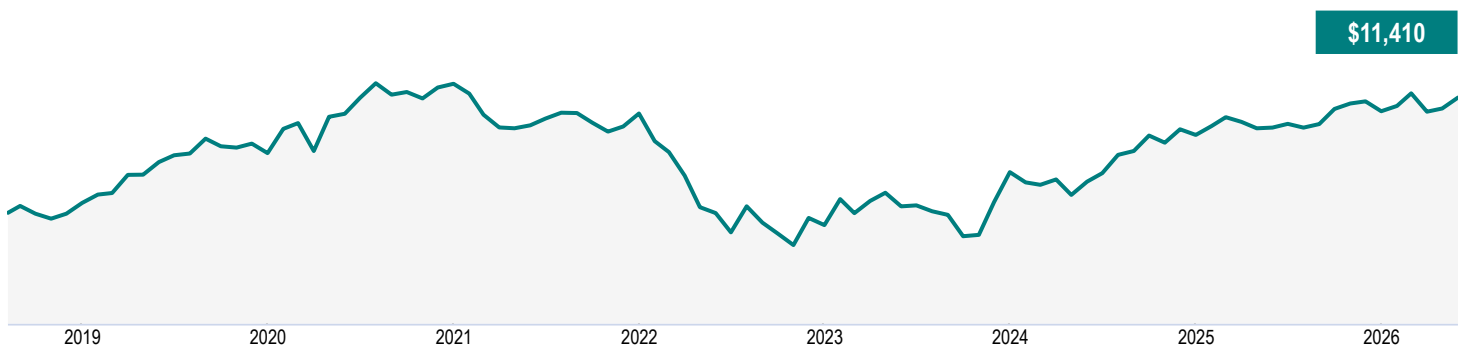
Canada	45.7
North America	34.5
United States	14.0
United Kingdom	0.9
Mexico	0.7
Europe	0.7
Brazil	0.6
Italy	0.5
Australia	0.4
Other	2.0



Sector allocation (%)

Fixed Income	96.6
Cash and Cash Equivalent	3.2
Real Estate	0.1
Other	0.1

Growth of \$10,000 (since inception)



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Fund details (as of March 31, 2026)

Top holdings	%
Canada Life Canadian Core Fixed Income Fund Series R	34.5
Canada Government 3.25% 01-Jun-2035	4.0
Ontario Province 3.95% 02-Dec-2035	2.1
Canada Government 2.75% 01-Dec-2055	1.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.6
Canada Government 3.00% 01-Feb-2027	1.5
Province of Ontario 3.90% 02-Jun-2036	1.5
Quebec Province 4.40% 01-Dec-2055	1.3
Quebec Province 4.00% 01-Sep-2035	0.9
United States Treasury F/R 30-Apr-2027	0.8
Total allocation in top holdings	49.9

Portfolio characteristics	
Standard deviation	4.8%
Dividend yield	4.3%
Yield to maturity	4.5%
Duration (years)	6.6
Coupon	4.4%
Average credit rating	A
Average market cap (million)	\$32,695.3

Net assets (million)

\$41.0

Price

\$9.33

Number of holdings

1117

Minimum initial investment

\$500,000

Fund codes

NL – MAX6719

Understanding returns

Annual compound returns (%)

1 MO	3 MO	YTD	1 YR	3 YR	5 YR	10 YR	INCEPTION
1.2	-0.5	1.5	3.3	4.2	0.6	-	1.7

Calendar year returns (%)

2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
2.7	4.3	6.6	-12.2	-3.1	7.9	6.0	-

Range of returns over five years (September 01, 2018 - May 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
0.7%	Dec. 2023	-1.0%	July 2025	-0.1%	44.1%	15	19

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Q1 2026 Fund Commentary

Commentary and opinions are provided by Portfolio Solutions Group.

Market commentary

Global equities declined over the first quarter of 2026 and underperformed global bonds, which posted a small loss. (All returns are in Canadian-dollar terms on a total-return basis.) Global equities lost momentum as tensions in the Middle East escalated, causing economic uncertainty. The conflict largely closed off the Strait of Hormuz to oil shipments, which sent oil prices higher, raising concerns about inflation and whether central banks will need to lift interest rates this year.

The U.S. equity market declined, posting a low single-digit loss. The financials sector was the weakest-performing sector. Canadian equities increased and outperformed U.S. equities, getting robust performance from the energy sector. EAFE equities posted a small gain, underperforming Canadian equities but outperforming U.S. equities. Equities in the U.K. and Japan performed well. Emerging markets equities also gained and outperformed their developed market peers, with equities in Brazil and Mexico performing well.

The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a total return of 0.2% over the quarter. Government bond prices increased, while government yields edged higher. Government bonds outperformed corporate bonds, which posted a small gain. Corporate bond prices were hindered from widening credit spreads (the difference in yield between corporate and government bonds). Securitization bonds posted the largest increase in the corporate bond sector. High-yield bond prices rose on a total-return basis and outperformed investment-grade corporate bonds.

Global bond yields moved higher over the quarter, and global bond prices posted a small loss. The Bank of Canada, U.S. Federal Reserve Board, Bank of England, European Central Bank and Bank of Japan all held their policy interest rates steady over the quarter. The yield on 10-year Government of Canada bonds rose from 3.43% to 3.47%. Sovereign bond yields in the U.S., the U.K., Germany and Japan also increased.

Performance

Allocations to Canadian Core Fixed Income, Global Multi-Sector Bond Fund and Global Inflation-Linked Fixed Income contributed to performance.

An off-benchmark allocation to Canadian Tactical Bond detracted from performance.

Portfolio activity

The sub-advisor did not make any changes to the Portfolio during the quarter.

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Outlook

The first quarter of 2026 marked a transition in market leadership, with supply issues and geopolitical risks overtaking demand cycles as the primary drivers of volatility. Escalating tensions in the Middle East pushed oil prices sharply higher, reviving inflation concerns and increasing uncertainty around economic growth without yet showing clear evidence of economic deterioration. While headline volatility has eased at times, elevated implied volatility suggests markets are increasingly pricing a wider range of outcomes as global fragmentation, energy constraints and supply chokepoints weigh on investor confidence.

In this environment, the sub-advisor's focus remains on portfolio resilience. The sub-advisor continues to emphasize broad diversification across regions and return drivers, avoiding overreliance on a smooth disinflation or predictable easing path. Core exposure to structural growth themes such as artificial intelligence remains important, but the sub-advisor is mindful of rising concentration risk and greater macro sensitivity in earnings expectations.

Within portfolios, alternatives, including managed futures, volatility strategies and risk parity, play a growing role in navigating shifting correlations. Fixed income remains a useful stabilizer, although less reliable than in past cycles, reinforcing the need for broader sources of diversification and liquidity as buffers against episodic shocks.

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