

PORTFOLIO MANAGER



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PERFORMANCE

Performance	3 Month	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since inception
Cambridge Canadian Growth Companies Fund Class F	-0.3%	4.6%	6.6%	12.8%	N/A	17.2%

Inception Date: February 15, 2011

PORTFOLIO COMMENTARY

The first quarter ushered in a renewed period of volatility for financial markets. Investor sentiment grew cautious as the prospects for future interest rate hikes rose along with inflation expectations. Growing trade tensions between the U.S. and China also caused further angst among investors. Although the economic backdrop improved and corporate earnings continued to grow during the period, the combination of elevated expectations and high valuations left little margin for error as the market narrative shifted towards inflation and trade-related risks.

Against this backdrop, the fund returned -0.3% during the quarter. The volatility did create opportunities in the period and the fund was able to deploy cash into new or existing holdings at attractive levels. Cash positions declined about 5% and finished the period around 7%. We deployed the cash broadly, establishing new positions or adding to existing holdings. On a sector basis, technology and consumer discretionary saw the largest increases in weight.

These sector weights are a residual of our bottom-up investment research process. When evaluating the investment merits of a business, we look at a broad range of scenarios to determine the potential risk-reward of making an investment. This evaluation is part of our ongoing due diligence process and helps us prepare for potential volatility. We will be ready to act if a compelling risk-adjusted return opportunity presents itself.

Equity sector weight

	Q1 2018 (%)	Q4 2017 (%)	Change (+/-)
Consumer discretionary	15.8%	14.0%	1.8%
Consumer staples	4.4%	6.2%	-1.8%
Energy	15.1%	14.9%	0.2%
Financials	14.9%	13.8%	1.1%
Health care	2.1%	3.3%	-1.2%
Industrials	20.5%	20.1%	0.4%
Information technology	11.7%	7.8%	3.9%
Materials	6.0%	5.4%	0.6%
Real estate	1.8%	1.5%	0.3%
Telecommunications	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Utilities	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Cash	7.7%	13.1%	-5.4%

Country weight

	Q1 2018 (%)	Q4 2017 (%)	Change (+/-)
Canada	48.8%	47.5%	1.3%
United States	22.4%	19.0%	3.4%
United Kingdom	14.8%	14.4%	0.4%
Sweden	3.1%	3.3%	-0.2%
Australia	1.5%	1.5%	0.0%
Brazil	1.7%	1.1%	0.6%
Cash	7.7%	13.1%	-5.4%

Top 10 holdings

	Country	Sector	Weight
Tourmaline Oil Corp.	Canada	Energy	4.92%
TFI International Inc.	Canada	Industrials	4.47%
Middleby Inc.	United States	Industrials	4.38%
Auto Trader Group PLC	United Kingdom	Information technology	3.99%
Athene Holding Ltd.	United States	Financials	3.88%
B&M European Value Retail SA	United Kingdom	Consumer discretionary	3.82%
Keyera Corp.	Canada	Energy	3.65%
Signature Bank	United States	Financials	3.29%
Boyd Group Income Fund	Canada	Industrials	3.28%
Wix.com Ltd.	United States	Information technology	3.23%

Contributors and detractors

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Melrose Industries PLC	RaySearch Laboratories AB
Burford Capital Ltd.	Middleby Corp.

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