

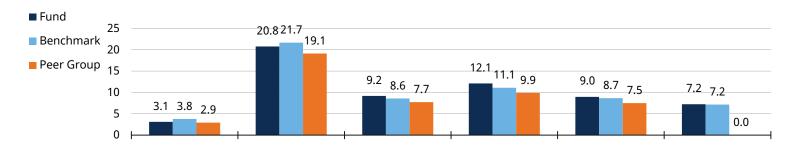
Mackenzie Canadian Equity Fund

Fund snapshot	
Inception date	05/15/2006
AUM (millions in CAD)	725.7
Management Fee	0.75%
MER	0.99%
Benchmark	S&P/TSX Composite
CIFSC Category	Canadian Equity
Risk Rating	Medium
Lead portfolio manager	William Aldridge
Investment exp. Since	2002
Target # of holdings	45-65

Strategy Overview

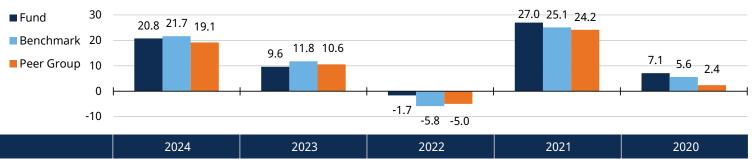
- The all-cap Canadian equity universe offers more opportunities and potentially enhances diversification
- Time-tested and market-proven investment process run by experienced managers

Trailing returns %



	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5Yr	10Yr	SI
Excess return	-0.7	-0.9	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.0
% of peers beaten	45	67	82	92	88	NA

Calendar returns %



	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Excess return	-0.9	-2.2	4.2	1.9	1.5
% of peers beaten	67	37	79	80	91



Portfolio characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
# of holdings	62	223
% top 10 holdings	37.1	36.6
Weighted average market cap	147,778.6	78,281.1
EPS growth (FY E)	9.0	14.7
Dividend yield	2.8	2.8
FCF margin	11.8	9.8
P/E Trailing 12M	17.3	19.2
P/E (forecast)	14.6	16.3
Net debt/EBITDA	2.4	2.4
ROE (latest FY)	12.1	11.8

Performance metrics (3 year trailing)

Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Dev.	12.5	13.9
Sharpe Ratio	0.4	0.4
Tracking Error	2.9	-
Information Ratio	0.2	-
Alpha	1.2	-
Beta	0.9	-
Upside Capture (%)	91.8	-
Downside Capture (%)	84.6	-

Sector allocation

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark	Relative Weight
Financials	34.6	33.0	1.6
Energy	12.5	17.2	-4.7
Materials	10.5	11.4	-0.9
Industrials	12.3	12.6	-0.3
Information Technology	6.4	10.1	-3.7
Communication Services	2.9	2.4	0.5
Utilities	3.3	3.8	-0.5
Consumer Staples	7.0	4.0	3.0
Consumer Discretionary	6.4	3.3	3.1
Real Estate	2.6	2.0	0.6
Health Care	1.3	0.3	1.0
Other	0.3	-	0.3

Country allocation

Country	Portfolio	Benchmark	RelativeWeight
Canada	94.5	100.0	-5.5
United States	5.2	-	5.2
United Kingdom	-	-	-
Other	0.3	-	0.3

Regional breakdown

Region	Portfolio	Benchmark	Relative Weight
Canada	94.5	100.0	-5.5
United States	5.2	-	5.2
International	-	-	-
Other	0.3	-	0.3

Currency exposure

Region	Gross	Benchmark
CAD	94.8	100.0
USD	5.2	-



Top 10 holdings

Security name	Country	Sector	Weight
Royal Bank of Canada	Canada	Financials	7.5
Toronto-Dominion Bank	Canada	Financials	4.5
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Canada	Energy	3.5
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	Canada	Industrials	3.4
Canadian National Railway Company	Canada	Industrials	3.3
Bank of Montreal	Canada	Financials	3.3
Brookfield Corporation	Canada	Financials	3.0
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	Canada	Materials	2.9
Suncor Energy Inc.	Canada	Energy	2.8
Sun Life Financial Inc.	Canada	Financials	2.7

Security level contributors and detractors

	Security	Average Relative weight (%)	% Contribution to return
	Atkinsrealis Group Inc.	1.2	0.5
Contributors	Bank of Montreal	0.3	0.4
	Brookfield Corporation	-0.3	0.4
	Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	0.6	-0.4
Detractors	Boardwalk Real Estate Investment Trust	1.4	-0.4
	Toronto-Dominion Bank	0.7	-0.5

Sector attribution relative to the benchmark

	Sector	Average Relative weight (%)	Allocation Effect (%)	Selection Effect (%)	Total Effect (%)
	Industrials	-0.9	0.1	0.4	0.5
Contributors	Utilities	-0.7	0.0	0.4	0.4
	Materials	-1.3	0.1	0.3	0.4
	Energy	-4.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Detractors	Real Estate	0.8	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4
	Information Technology	-3.3	-0.5	-0.8	-1.3



Commentary

Fund Performance

In Q4 2024, Mackenzie Canadian Equity Fund returned 3.0% compared with the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index return of 3.8%.

The portfolio underperformed the benchmark due to an underweight and stock selection in IT and stock selection in real estate, somewhat offset by positive contribution from stock selection in industrials, utilities, materials and communication services.

Security contributors

<u>AtkinsRealis Group Inc.</u> – AtkinsRealis, formerly known as SNC Lavalin, is a global engineering consulting firm with expertise in nuclear energy generation. AtkinsRealis shares have outperformed for several reasons. There has been consistent strong demand for engineering services globally for the past several years and the company has been able to grow organically to meet this demand. As well, management has successfully improved operations and profit margins following a period of disappointing cost overruns, particularly in its construction business, which has been wound down. Finally, the company has expertise in nuclear power, a business which has garnered increased interest from governments, utilities, and AI-focused technology companies building data centers.

<u>BCE Inc.</u> – BCE is not owned in the portfolio. The interest rate sensitive communications sector demonstrated weak performance during the quarter as interest rates increased and an intense competitive landscape led to disappointing results. The industry has been locked in a price war since the Rogers-Shaw deal was consummated and Quebecor began pushing for market share at its newly acquired Freedom banner. The challenging operating environment has meant BCE's dividend payout ratio has been driven above 100%, suggesting a dividend cut may be prudent. Compounding this dynamic, investors were displeased with the company's announcement that it intends to use proceeds from the sale of its MLSE sports franchise to fund the acquisition of Ziply, a U.S.-based internet provider.

<u>CAE Inc.</u> – CAE is a global civil aerospace and defense training company. Several developments during the quarter propelled the stock higher. Alongside strong quarterly results, wherein the company demonstrated continued improvement in its defense business and strong civil margins, it was announced that CAE's long serving CEO would be retiring. Investors cheered the announcement given recent issues with the defense business and questions around capital allocation following a writedown of defense assets. Furthermore, towards the end of the year U.S. investor Browning West, which had recently been involved with a Board transition at Gildan Activewear, made public an equity position in CAE and expressed interest in becoming involved with the CEO search process, which we feel could lead to a positive outcome for shareholders.

Security detractors

<u>Shopify Inc.</u> – Shopify offers a suite of products and solutions to support e-commerce merchants. Shopify shares are owned in the portfolio at a below-benchmark weight. The shares increased more than 40% in the quarter, responding positively to the U.S. election result as markets rallied and subsequently to very strong quarterly results. The company guided to a strong end to the year on continued strong consumer spending, expanding e-commerce penetration and strong international growth. Furthermore, the company has managed its cost structure well and is showing improving margins and free cash generation.

<u>Boardwalk REIT</u> – After outperforming in the third quarter, as central banks began to reduce interest rates, the interest-rate sensitive REIT sector began to underperform as the fourth quarter commenced, inflation persisted and interest rates began to increase once again. At the same time, the Canadian government announced it would begin to reduce immigration targets and limit population growth, which has been a key catalyst pushing apartment occupancy and rents higher. More recently, questions surrounding the impact of U.S. tariffs on Canadian oil and gas have led to concerns about an economic slowdown in Canada and Alberta in particular, which would hurt Boardwalk to a greater extent than apartment peers, given its focus on the Alberta market.

<u>Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce</u> – Canadian banks were strong performers in general once again in the fourth quarter as investors continued to price in a soft economic landing and the benefits of lower interest rates on indebted bank clients. The shares of banks and other financial services companies also reacted positively to U.S. election results as investors anticipate a potentially relaxed regulatory environment and strong capital markets, at least south of the border. As CIBC is more domestically focused than its Canadian bank peers in general, stable results from the Canadian personal banking business across the industry bode well as mortgages continue to renew at higher, albeit manageable, rates.

Portfolio activities

We increased select positions in the industrial, materials, communication services and utilities sectors and reduced select positions in the consumer staples and financials sectors.



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Market Overview / Outlook

As 2024 commenced there was much discussion about the potential impact of outcomes of the many elections taking place across the world over the course of the year. One may have thought that following the consummation of these elections there would be greater clarity and a tightening of the wide range of potential outcomes. However, as we enter a new year there is arguably even less clarity about the future direction of global economies than there had been this time last year. This is particularly true from our perspective north of the 49th. As investors, we seek, through analysis and experience, to narrow the range of outcomes to arrive with greater confidence at a most likely outcome and allocate capital to best opportunities accordingly. One of our key inputs is discussions with the management teams of the companies in which we invest. Recently, however, the refrain we most often hear is that it is difficult to make decisions when the horizon is extremely hazy. Perhaps more importantly, the question about the duration of such uncertainly is the key issue. Not only are the rules of the game unclear, but no one knows how long the game is likely to go on. The risk is that this dynamic leads to stagnation, at best perhaps, or at worst outright extended economic contraction. From a market perspective, with stocks trading at inflated valuation levels relative to historical norms, it would seem reasonable that the post-election euphoria takes a pause, particularly in light of such uncertainty.

Stock Stories

Northland Power Inc. – Northland Power is a renewables focused power generation company. The company has built strong expertise in offshore wind development and has several offshore projects underway at varying stages of development. Following disruptions to its offshore projects as a result of pandemic-related supply chain delays and difficult financing markets, the company experienced escalation in estimated development costs and therefore lower project returns, which had a negative impact on Northland shares. As well, the company experienced management turnover as the CEO stepped down and there continues to be vacancy in the CFO seat. Recently, a new CEO has been announced, which should provide positive momentum to project development and improved clarity on mid- to longer term strategic direction. One of Northland's key focal points currently is an offshore wind project in Taiwan. Edging that project closer to conclusion should be a key catalyst for the shares, despite recent negative sentiment towards renewable power development following the result of the U.S. election and rhetoric from the President-elect. As an interest rate sensitive utility, Northland shares have weakened recently as rates have increased. However, we see very compelling value in the shares as projects move towards completion and cash generation improves.



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