

# Mackenzie Strategic Income Fund

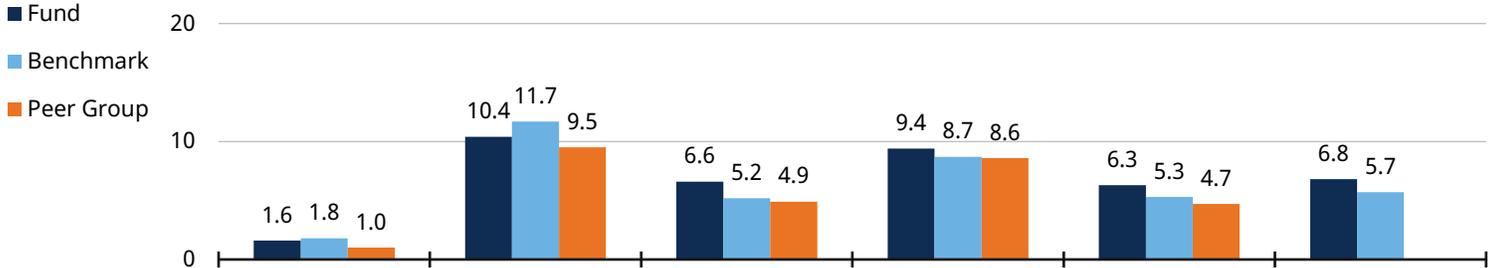
## Fund snapshot

Inception date	12/20/2005
AUM (millions in CAD)	1727.1
Management Fee	0.70%
MER	0.93%
Benchmark	50% TSX Comp + 50% FTSE Univ
CIFSC Category	Canadian Neutral Balanced
Risk Rating	Low-Med
Lead Portfolio Managers	Konstantin Boehmer

## Strategy overview

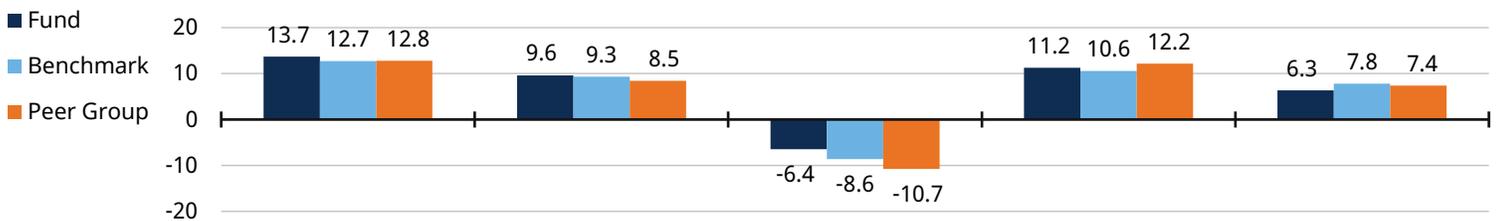
- Invests in a diversified portfolio of equities and fixed income securities that are income producing with an aim to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns in all market environments
- Flexibility to shift across a broad array of fixed income assets including high yielding bonds to build a portfolio that seeks to provide the best value for risk
- Equity portfolio of quality, dividend paying companies in Canada and globally contribute to the Fund's income stream

## Trailing returns %



	3 Mth	1 Yr	3 Yr	5Yr	10Yr	SI
Excess return	-0.2	-1.3	1.4	0.7	1.0	1.1
% of peers beaten	80	68	91	74	94	NA

## Calendar returns %



	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Excess return	1.0	0.3	2.2	0.6	-1.5
% of peers beaten	79	77	91	40	64

## Portfolio characteristics

	Portfolio	Benchmark
Overall yield	3.8	3.2
<b>Equity</b>		
P/E 12m forward	16.2	15.2
Dividend yield	2.7	2.8
Net debt/EBITDA	2.0	2.0
EPS growth (FY E)	12.7	14.5
P/B	2.5	2.1
<b>Fixed income</b>		
Yield	5.3	3.4
Duration	4.7	7.2
Average credit quality	BBB	AA

## Performance metrics (3 year trailing)

Metrics	Portfolio	Benchmark
Standard Dev.	8.1	9.8
Sharpe Ratio	0.3	0.1
Tracking Error	2.6	-
Information Ratio	0.5	-
Alpha	1.6	-
Beta	0.8	-
Upside Capture (%)	89.5	-
Downside Capture (%)	74.2	-

## Credit breakdown

Rating	Portfolio	Benchmark
AAA	7.0	-
AA	14.6	-
A	5.0	-
BBB	30.1	-
BB	25.8	-
B	11.0	-
CCC & Below	3.8	-
NR	2.7	-

## Sector allocation

Sector	Portfolio (%)	Benchmark (%)	Relative weight (%)
Financials	15.4	16.1	-0.7
Energy	7.7	8.6	-0.9
Materials	4.7	6.8	-2.1
Industrials	7.4	6.1	1.3
Information Technology	5.9	4.7	1.2
Communication Services	2.3	1.2	1.1
Utilities	2.4	2.0	0.4
Consumer Staples	3.7	1.9	1.8
Consumer Discretionary	3.3	1.6	1.7
Real Estate	0.9	0.9	-
Health Care	3.2	0.1	3.1
Other	2.6	0.1	2.5

## Country allocation

Country	Weight	Benchmark (%)	Relative weight
Canada	51.5	99.5	-48.0
United States	34.9	0.3	34.6
Germany	3.0	-	3.0
United Kingdom	2.3	-	2.3
Japan	1.3	-	1.3
France	1.1	-	1.1
Other	5.9	0.2	5.7

## Asset allocation



	Portfolio (%)
Equity	57.5
Fixed Income	41.4
Cash	1.1

## Top 10 equity holdings

Security name	Country	Sector	Weight
Mackenzie Alternative Enhanced Yield Series R	Canada	Mutual Funds	4.0
Royal Bank of Canada	Canada	Financials	2.5
Toronto-Dominion Bank	Canada	Financials	1.6
Canadian Natural Resources Limited	Canada	Energy	1.4
Agnico Eagle Mines Limited	Canada	Materials	1.3
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	Canada	Industrials	1.2
Bank of Montreal	Canada	Financials	1.2
Enbridge Inc.	Canada	Energy	1.1
Intact Financial Corporation	Canada	Financials	1.1
Suncor Energy Inc.	Canada	Energy	1.0

## Equity - Attribution

	Sector	Portfolio Average Weight (%)	Portfolio Contribution to Return (%)
Contributors	Materials	4.6	0.6
	Energy	7.3	0.5
	Consumer Staples	3.6	0.3
Detractors	Consumer Discretionary	3.7	-0.1
	Communication Services	2.4	-0.1
	Information Technology	7.2	-0.8

## Fixed Income - Attribution

	Sector	Portfolio Average Weight (%)	Portfolio Contribution to Return (%)
Contributors	Corporate	34.2	0.4
	Government	4.9	0.1

## Commentary

### 1) QFR Highlights

The fund slightly underperformed its blended benchmark index comprising of 50% S&P/TSX Composite Index and 50% FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index.

### 2) Market Overview

The first quarter of 2025 was a notable shift from the previous quarter. Heightened economic uncertainty was the major theme, largely due to policy shifts and trade tensions that resulted from actions by the United States. The new US administration has introduced tariffs on imports from multiple countries and regions, including Canada, Mexico and China. This has led to retaliatory tariffs, concerns of trade wars, and increased volatility in global markets. Additionally, inflation concerns have persisted or reignited in the United States and other countries, driven in part by the economic uncertainty of the impact of tariffs. After a relatively strong start to the year, US equities faced a sharp correction and posted negative results for the quarter. Growth stocks, particularly in the technology sector, have underperformed while more defensive sectors such as health care and consumer staples have outperformed. Canadian equities, while having mixed results due to trade tensions weighing on investor sentiment, have generally outperformed their US counterpart. European equities outperformed the US, Canada and most other developed markets, delivering their strongest performance in decades. Asian equities had mixed results, with strong performance in China where stimulus measures supported domestic consumption and industrial output. Hong Kong and South Korea also had positive performance, while Japanese equities declined in a similar magnitude to the US market. US bond markets rallied, as interest rates fell, and we saw a flight to quality as investors sought safety in bonds amid stock market volatility. Canadian bonds benefitted from the Bank of Canada's interest rate cuts during the quarter. Global bond markets also demonstrated strong performance, particularly in Europe.

### 3) Fund Performance

In Q1 2025, Series F of the fund returned 1.6% versus 1.8% for the blended benchmark. The equity portion of the fund outperformed the equity component of the blended benchmark, while the fixed income portion of the fund underperformed the fixed income component of the blended benchmark. From an equity perspective, stock selection in the financials, energy and consumer staples sectors contributed the most to relative performance. Stock selection in the information technology, communication services and consumer discretionary sectors detracted the most from relative performance. From a country perspective, stock selection in Canada, Germany and Switzerland contributed to relative performance, while stock selection in the United States, Taiwan and Hong Kong detracted from relative performance. From a fixed income perspective, holdings in federal and provincial government bonds contributed to relative performance. Holdings in corporate bonds, particularly in the industrial, communication and infrastructure sectors detracted from relative performance.

### 4) Security Contributors

Philip Morris International Inc., along with not holding either Shopify Inc. or Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce were among the largest contributors to relative performance over the quarter.

#### Philip Morris

Philip Morris' stock rose 33%, driven by smoke-free products like IQOS and Zyn.

#### Shopify

Shopify provided mixed guidance during the quarter, falling short of analyst expectations. Broader market volatility, particularly within the technology sector negatively impacted the stock and the share price fell 10.5%.

#### CIBC

CIBC, despite reporting solid financial results, was negatively impacted by investor sentiment, primarily around broader economic concerns and sector-specific challenges. The share price fell almost 10% in the quarter.

## **5) Security Detractors**

Broadcom Inc., Microsoft Corp., and Apple Inc. were among the largest detractors from relative performance over the quarter.

### Broadcom

Broadcom saw a 25% revenue growth to USD\$14.9 billion, beating estimates by USD\$300 million, but tariffs and trade tensions hurt investor sentiment.

### Microsoft

Microsoft reported USD\$69.6 billion in quarterly revenue (up 12%) and USD\$24.1 billion in net income (up 10%). AI revenue surged 175%, Azure grew 31%, but gaming revenue fell 7%, and Xbox hardware declined 29%. Investor concerns over AI returns affected stock performance.

### Apple

Apple reported record Q1 revenues of USD\$124.3 billion and profits of USD\$36.3 billion, with iPhone sales missing expectations. Geopolitical tensions and tariff concerns impacted the stock price negatively.

## **6) Portfolio Activities**

Within North American Equities, the portfolio management team continues to seek out the best overall reward to risk opportunities within our Canadian investment universe which led to some changes in the portfolio in the quarter. The changes were driven primarily by stock specific opportunities which resulted in increased positions in the consumer staples, energy and industrials sectors, while positions in the financial services and communication sectors were reduced. Overall, the changes resulted in one new position being added, and one position being eliminated. The Canadian portion of the portfolio ended the period with 52 unique stock positions.

Within Global Equity & Income Equities, in response to the volatility, the portfolio was repositioned with ~15% turnover leading to improved earnings per share (EPS) growth, return on invested capital (ROIC), and return on equity (ROE). We are prepared to adjust as the situation evolves, while still remaining disciplined to our investment process and philosophy.

## **7) Outlook, Positioning**

**North American Equity & Income Team:** The portfolio management team remains opportunistic amid recent market volatility. Equity markets are expected to stay volatile due to policy announcements and company decisions. The Trump administration's tariffs could significantly impact the global economy, despite some tariffs being walked back. This shift may benefit Canada's economy by encouraging investment in natural resources and new markets. While direct impacts of new tariffs on Canada are limited, a US/global slowdown could affect the Canadian economy. Equity markets have priced in a global recession, but unknowns remain about tariff duration and negotiations. The team's focus on quality companies should perform well in volatile markets, and they continue to seek attractive opportunities.

**Global Equity & Income Team:** Trump's return triggered a sweeping new tariff regime, creating the highest US tariff burden in over a century. Markets reacted sharply – equities and bonds sold off, the USD weakened, and recession risks rose – though some relief came via a temporary tariff suspension. The US administration's aggressive stance, especially toward China, has led to retaliation and market unease. While most tariffs may be eventually negotiated down, a prolonged standoff risks stagflation and capital flight. For now, volatility is the price of admission. But volatility is also the birthplace of opportunity. We will continue to take advantage of temporary dislocations while steering clear of macro prognostication. Our portfolio remains positioned around high-quality, well-capitalized businesses that can navigate what is currently a fractured global trading system.

**Fixed Income Team:** Looking ahead, Q2 is already setting up to be all about bilateral trade negotiations, and the 90-day tariff pause only heightens the stakes. As trade flows become more politicized, monetary and fiscal policy will increasingly be deployed on a country-by-country basis. This fragmentation is likely to feed into bond markets, with US duration continuing to drive global yields. But with European yields rebounding, potentially on the back of fiscal expansion, global bond leadership may not be as unipolar as it has been in recent quarters.

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