

# GENERAL INVESTMENTS, Canadian General Investments, Limited

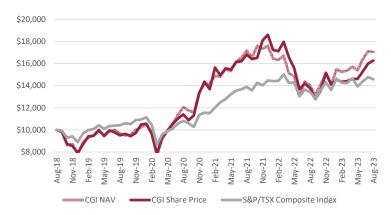
Canadian General Investments, Limited (CGI or the Company) is domiciled in Canada and incorporated under the laws of Ontario, Canada. CGI is a closed-end equity fund focussed on medium- to long-term investments in primarily Canadian corporations. The Company's common shares are publicly listed and trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the London Stock Exchange (symbol CGI).

#### PORTFOLIO ANALYSIS

## **Top 10 Holdings**

	Sector	% of Portfolio
NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	7.4%
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	Materials	4.7%
TFI International Inc.	Industrials	4.7%
Canadian Pacific Kansas City Limited	Industrials	4.5%
Franco-Nevada Corporation	Materials	4.1%
Apple Inc.	Information Technology	3.8%
West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.	Materials	3.7%
WSP Global Inc.	Industrials	3.2%
Mastercard Incorporated	Information Technology	3.2%
The Descartes Systems Group Inc.	Information Technology	2.9%
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#### Relative Performance - 5 Years - Total Return, with dividends reinvested



# Long-Term Results - Total Return (as at December 31, 2021)



# **FUND DETAILS**

## **Investment Objective**

It strives, through prudent security selection, timely recognition of capital gains/losses and appropriate income generating instruments, to provide better than average returns to investors.

Portfolio Manager	D. Greg Eckel
	Morgan Meighen & Associates
Board of Directors	James F. Billett
	Marcia Lewis Brown
	A. Michelle Lally
	Jonathan A. Morgan
	Vanessa L. Morgan
	Sanjay Nakra
	Michael C. Walke

Year End December 31 Inception 1930 TSX and LSE Symbol CGI ISIN CA1358251074 Benchmark S&P/TSX Composite Index Dividend Payable Quarterly (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec) U.K. Sponsoring Broker **Shore Capital** 

Company Statistics		as at August 31, 2023
Net Assets		CAD \$1,201,067,204
Voting Shares in Issue		20,861,141
Free Float		9,906,872
Share Price		\$36.80
Net Asset Value		\$57.57
Discount		36.1%
Average 12 Month Discou	int	35.5%
Dividend per Annum		\$0.95
Current Yield - 12 month	trailing	2.6%
Gearing/Leverage		12.7%
Unrealized Gains		CAD \$840,023,508
CAD/GBP Exchange Rate		0.5831
Management Fee		1.0%
Ongoing Charge - (2022)	AIC definition (ex. Leverage, transaction costs)	1.38%

FUND PERFORMANCE										
Performance*	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 years				
Share Price	1.8%	11.4%	18.0%	12.6%	10.2%	13.2%				
NAV	-0.4%	10.7%	21.6%	12.2%	11.2%	12.7%				
S&P/TSX Composite Index	-1.4%	4.6%	8.5%	10.4%	7.8%	8.1%				
Rolling 12 Month Performance*	Aug 2023	Aug 2022	Aug 2021	Aug 2020	Aug 2019	Aug 2018	Aug 2017	Aug 2016	Aug 2015	Aug 2014
Share Price	18.0%	-17.9%	47.4%	19.9%	-4.9%	24.6%	22.8%	2.0%	-4.4%	42.4%
NAV	21.6%	-18.3%	42.3%	24.7%	-3.3%	29.2%	17.3%	6.0%	-11.0%	35.9%
S&P/TSX Composite Index	8.5%	-3.4%	28.2%	3.8%	4.3%	10.1%	7.2%	8.7%	-8.7%	27.1%

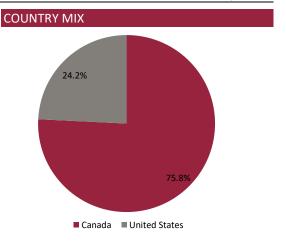
<sup>\*</sup> Total Return, with dividends reinvested.

Benchmark of S&P/TSX Composite Index: This is an index of the equity prices of the largest companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and is comprised of about 70% of market capitalization for all Canadian-based companies listed on the TSX. Index returns cited are on a total return basis (including reinvestm



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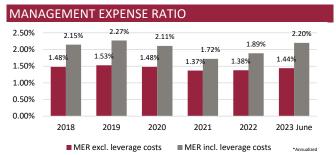
			Over/Under
Sector	Fund	Benchmark	Weight
Information Technology	23.4%	8.0%	15.4%
Industrials	22.0%	13.5%	8.5%
Materials	16.0%	11.9%	4.1%
Energy	10.9%	18.0%	-7.1%
Consumer Discretionary	10.8%	3.7%	7.1%
Financials	9.3%	30.0%	-20.7%
Real Estate	4.4%	2.4%	2.0%
Communication Services	1.8%	3.9%	-2.1%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%
Health Care	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	4.2%	-4.2%
Utilities	0.0%	4.2%	-4.2%
	100.0%	100.0%	







- · Qualified investment in RRSP, RRIF, DPSP, RESP, TFSA, FHSA and RDSP, and eligible for ISAs in the U.K.
- The Company is able to pay regular taxable dividends and capital gains dividends
- $\,^{\circ}$  All taxable dividends paid to common and preference shareholders are designated as eligible dividends



#### **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT & SHAREHOLDER PURCHASE PLANS**

 As well as with reinvested dividends, shareholders may purchase additional shares for cash (minimum \$100 - maximum \$5,000) every quarter. Shares are purchased on the open market, with participants paying the average cost while the Company pays all administrative charges, including commissions.

Note: U.S. shareholders only eligible for the dividend reinvestment segment of the plan.

#### COMMENTARY AND OUTLOOK

Following a protracted correction period most major global equity markets troughed in October 2022, Since then, markets have done quite well, with a decent rebound from those lows, with several of the more developed markets carrying through resilience and momentum into 2023. As have many of its peers, the S&P/TSX Composite Index (S&P/TSX) has shown noteworthy resilience in the last few months and had a positive total return of 6.9% as at August 31, 2023. By comparison, CGI exhibited its impressive recovery potential after the disappointing 2022 and posted a very favourable net asset value (NAV) return, with dividends reinvested, of 20.9%

Sectors within the S&P/TSX have performed differently relative to each other compared to the recent past. One of the most noticeable changes involves the Energy sector, an area of great influence in the Canadian market as the second largest group in the S&P/TSX. After sitting atop sector rankings with spectacular outperformance in 2021 and 2022, the volatile Energy group has settled somewhat and is in the middle of sector performance with an in-line overall composite return year-to-date at August 31, 2023. On the flipside to Energy's reversal has been the turnaround in Information Technology, After an abysmal 2022, the group has had a strong start to 2023, benefitting from investors rotating into riskier asset categories. Both trends have been positive for CGI as the portfolio remains underweight Energy and significantly overweight Information Technology.

Importantly, the Canadian market is showing a better balance in return availability from both sector and individual constituent perspectives. CGI has a diversified portfolio and has been handicapped the last couple of years by the narrowness of the underlying drivers of S&P/TSX performance. Although difficult at times, maintaining a commitment to a time-tested winning philosophy designed to create shareholder value over time has proven invaluable. Once again, this patient approach is being rewarded as Energy dominance has now given way to the potential for a greater variety of choice and opportunity. Although not a guarantee for success, as good choices must still be made, it has usually been an environment in which CGI's selective, sometimes unique, positioning has done very well. The subdued market has resulted in a mix of individual performances, but a good majority of CGI's holdings have been able to post gains in the year-to-date period.

Despite the turmoil of a push and pull experience in 2023 so far, investors' confidence should be bolstered by the durability and resilience shown by equity markets. This encouraging development has helped to steady investors nerves and reinvigorate their appetite for stocks, but it remains a challenging market. Sticky inflation will force central banks to keep interest rate policy tight and its effect on the global economic recovery is indeterminable, a combination that is not typically market friendly. Headline inflation appears to have peaked in most regions and many central banks have become less aggressive in raising interest rates with expectations for a conclusion to the upward cycle, but economic data remains uneven and the debate as to the likelihood of a recession remains active. The scenario remains fluid and complex and even though uncertainty prevails with upside potential tempered by downside risks, there is scope for favourable returns going forward.

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