# GENERAL INVESTMENTS Canadian General Investments, Limited

Monthly Factsheet

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**

CGI

	Sector	% of Portfolio
West Fraser Timber Co. Ltd.	Materials	4.4%
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	Materials	4.1%
NVIDIA Corporation	Information Technology	4.0%
Canadian Pacific Railway Limited	Industrials	3.8%
Franco-Nevada Corporation	Materials	3.6%
Shopify Inc.	Information Technology	3.4%
Apple Inc.	Information Technology	3.4%
TFI International Inc.	Industrials	3.1%
WSP Global Inc.	Industrials	2.9%
Bank of Montreal	Financials	2.9%
		35.6%

#### Relative Performance - 5 Years - Total Return, with dividends reinvested



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



## FUND PERFORMANCE

### 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
	R. Neil Raymond
	Michael A. Smedley
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 January 31, 2022
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Net Assets		CAD \$1,195,644,348
Voting Shares in Issue		20,861,141
Free Float		9,906,872
Share Price		\$40.80
Net Asset Value		\$57.31
Discount		28.8%
Average 12 Month Discou	nt	31.6%
Dividend per Annum		\$0.88
Current Yield - 12 month t	trailing	2.2%
Gearing/Leverage		12.8%
Unrealized Gains		CAD \$811,548,271
CAD/GBP Exchange Rate		0.5862
Management Fee		1.0%
Ongoing Charge - (2020)	AIC definition (ex. Leverage, transaction costs)	1.49%

Performance*	1 Month	3 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 years				
Share Price	-7.4%	4.2%	25.8%	25.5%	19.9%	13.6%				
NAV	-6.6%	-6.5%	16.1%	22.7%	17.6%	13.0%				
S&P/TSX Composite Index	-0.4%	1.0%	25.0%	14.1%	9.8%	8.6%				
Rolling 12 Month Performance*	Jan 2022	Jan 2021	Jan 2020	Jan 2019	Jan 2018	Jan 2017	Jan 2016	Jan 2015	Jan 2014	Jan 2013
Share Price	25.8%	29.6%	21.3%	-3.0%	29.4%	18.8%	-7.2%	11.0%	15.2%	2.1%
NAV	16.1%	34.6%	18.2%	-0.9%	22.6%	28.0%	-13.5%	8.8%	17.6%	7.0%

\* 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 reinvestment of distributions)

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Sector	Fund	Benchmark	Over/Under Weight
Information Technology	22.1%	8.6%	13.5%
Industrials	19.9%	11.7%	8.2%
Materials	18.8%	11.2%	7.6%
Consumer Discretionary	11.6%	3.6%	8.0%
Financials	11.2%	33.5%	-22.3%
Energy	7.3%	14.8%	-7.5%
Real Estate	5.1%	2.9%	2.2%
Communication Services	2.1%	4.8%	-2.7%
Health Care	1.3%	0.7%	0.6%
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.6%	0.0%	0.6%
Consumer Staples	0.0%	3.6%	-3.6%
Utilities	0.0%	4.5%	-4.5%
	100.0%	100.0%	

#### **DIVIDEND HISTORY**

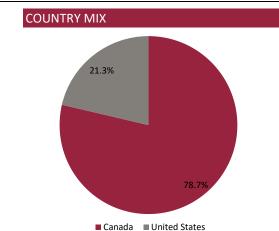


#### SHAREHOLDER TAXATION

 Qualified investment in RRSP, RRIF, DPSP, RESP, TFSA and RDSP, and eligible for ISAs in the U.K.

 $\circ$  The Company is able to pay regular taxable dividends and capital gains dividends

 All taxable dividends paid to common and preference shareholders are designated as eligible dividends



MANAGEMENT EXPENSE RATIO



**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

Equity markets have shown a remarkable resilience since the emergence of COVID-19. After the initial checkback in early 2020, investors have adopted a look-through approach and brushed off news that would have derailed stocks in years past. While 2020 could have been characterised as a constructive year based on the scale of the intra-year revival, 2021 was a year of decisive advancement for developed markets around the world. Canadian and most global markets saw one of the sharpest recoveries on record in 2021. North American markets, in particular, were boosted by strong economic growth in the region and led the way in terms of performance.

Like many of its global peers, the S&P/TSX ascended steadily throughout 2021 and, in the process, recorded many new all-time highs. The emergence of new COVID-19 variants and the ongoing battle with the pandemic threw up some roadblocks along the way, but the markets grew adept at discounting potential damage. By year end, the S&P/TSX had added onto its 5.6% total return for 2020 with 25.1% in 2021. By comparison, CGI followed up on its impressive 2020 net asset value (NAV) return, with dividends reinvested, of 38.1% with 24.6% in 2021. CGI's one month NAV return in 2022 was -6.6%, compared to the benchmark of -0.4%.

In Canada, the headline index returns are occasionally skewed by the weightings of its top two sectors, Financials and Energy, which represent about 45% of the S&P/TSX. For portfolios like CGI's, that consistently provide a different and more diversified exposure to the Canadian market for its shareholders, this sometimes provides a headwind on the relative measure. This happened in 2021 when more than 60% of the total index return was attributed to these two groups. Despite its relative underweighting in both of these sectors, CGI was able to compensate for this difference in 2021 with overall results relying more on the Manager's bottom-up stock picking. Individual returns in the market varied widely, even intra-sector, and provided for a diversification that was used to advantage.

If 2021 could be categorized as a year of recovery, 2022 will likely prove to be a year of moderation. Following record economic and spectacular corporate earnings growth, to expect normalization is reasonable. As we have distanced ourselves in time from the onset of the pandemic, some issues and concerns have receded into the background while others are just starting to emerge. This suggests this year could be different from the last two, and it is likely that markets will have to adjust to new and different challenges. Although this heightens the uncertainty, it should not detract entirely from good fundamental underpinnings and favourable trends.

If the global economy maintains its growth trajectory, Canadian markets should do well with their generous mix of late cyclicals like Energy, Materials and Financials and CGI, as a proxy, could benefit as a unique and diversified investment vehicle for Canada.

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