

FUND COMMENTARY

# Purpose Core Equity Income Fund

**FUND DETAILS**

<b>ETF TICKER</b> MGMT FEES	<b>RDE</b> 0.75%
<b>SERIES F</b> MGMT FEES	<b>PFC2901</b> 0.75%
<b>SERIES A</b> MGMT FEES	<b>PFC2900</b> 1.75%

Inception date: **NOV 16, 2015**

DISTRIBUTION FREQUENCY  
**Monthly**

FUND STRUCTURE  
**Corporate Class**

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**FUND MANAGER**



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**MARKET OVERVIEW**

Heading into October, the mood of the market was very cautious. Everyone could recite the fears that would cause an imminent selloff, from earnings misses, to taper plans, to China tensions. But as markets “climbed the wall of worry,” the end result was one of the strongest monthly performances for equities of this post-pandemic rally. There is reason for optimism, the bottle necks are showing some signs of alleviating, earnings season has been a success and the market seems to be fine with the Fed tapering its bond purchase program. The central banks have started to remove the punchbowl, but for now the markets don't mind as their cups are still full.

**FUND PERFORMANCE AND POSITIONING**

The Purpose Core Equity Income Fund rose 2.9% in October, bringing its year-to-date performance to 19.7%, lagging its benchmark slightly as the fund was somewhat defensively positioned heading into the month expecting September's volatility to continue. Earnings season always brings about a heightened amount of portfolio volatility, and the fund had number of stocks that missed expectations resulting in negative price moves that impacted overall performance.

Within the industrial sector, a miss by Lockheed Martin notably detracted from returns. The company lowered guidance

**FUND PERFORMANCE**

AS OF OCT 31, 2021

PURPOSE TACTICAL ASSET ALLOCATION FUND	1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	YTD	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	3 YEARS	5 YEARS	SINCE INCEPTION
SERIES A	2.83%	2.33%	7.19%	18.62%	33.60%	12.73%	11.02%	8.40%	7.79%
SERIES F	2.92%	2.62%	7.79%	19.71%	35.08%	13.98%	12.26%	9.60%	8.96%

Source: Morningstar

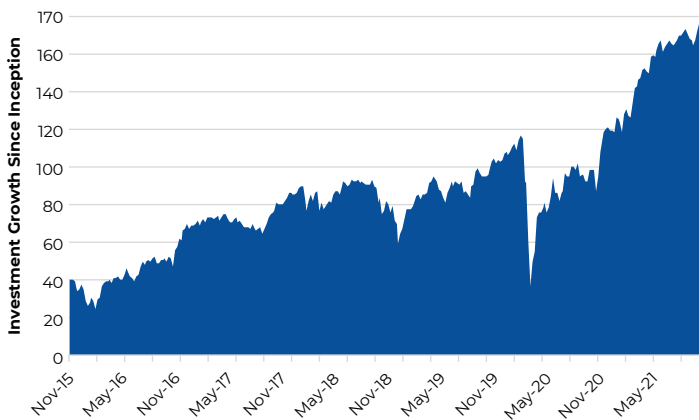
over the next couple of years and the end to the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan did not help sentiment. Periods like this make us remind ourselves why we own it. Defensive budgets have their own cycle—it’s all government business and not tied to the economy the same way other industrial stocks are such as rail stocks. The defense industry has lagged but does provide portfolio diversification benefits. Other detractors included Intel and Medtronic. We used the pullback in Medtronic to further add to the position.

While underweight in energy, the portfolio’s net attribution from the sector was still positive thanks to Suncor, our lone energy producer. Relative valuations compared with peers have been attractive for months, and the market seems to have finally taken notice. Despite being underweight in the sector, Suncor provided a serious amount of positive attribution. After rising nearly 24% in October, it announced that they will be doubling their dividend. Suncor was the largest contributor to the fund followed by Bank of Montreal, Infineon and Canadian National Railway.

Little has changed in overall portfolio construction this month. We further added to our overweight in health care and have maintained high exposure in sectors we believe will benefit from a rising rate environment with a high inflation backdrop. This includes an overweight in banks, and real asset exposure in real estate. We also continue to like the defensive characteristics of U.S. health care exposure and maintain elevated exposure in both pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.

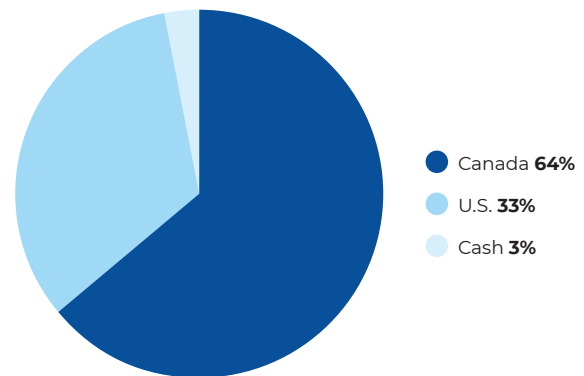
**INVESTMENT GROWTH**

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**COUNTRY ALLOCATION**

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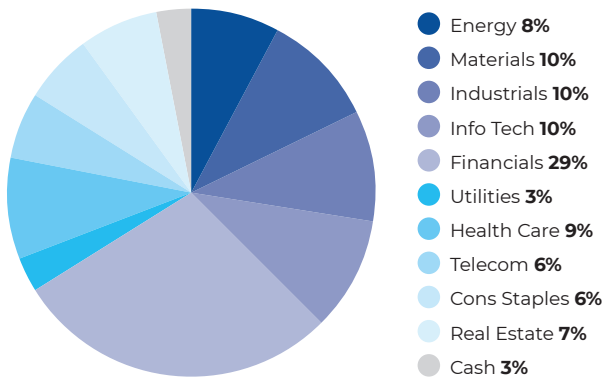
**TOP 10 HOLDINGS**

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NAME	WEIGHT
Royal Bank of Canada	5.8%
Bank of Nova Scotia/The	5.2%
Bank of Montreal	5.1%
Suncor Energy Inc	4.1%
Allied Properties Real Estate	3.4%
Loblaw Cos Ltd	3.2%
Manulife Financial Corp	3.1%
Waste Management Inc	3.1%
TELUS Corp	3.0%
Barrick Gold Corp	3.0%

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**FUND OBJECTIVES**

- A steady stream of income from dividend-paying companies
- Long-term capital growth
- Exposure to Canadian and U.S. equity markets

**KEY ADVANTAGES**

- Dividend-focused investment strategy companies emphasizing dividend health & sustainability and free cash flow generation
- Flexibility to tactically overweight assets in specific sectors and invest up to 35% in U.S. stocks to provide greater return potential and increased diversification

**INVESTMENT PROCESS**



**RISK RATING**



<sup>1</sup>Contribution to fund return for the period is calculated as the 1 month total return for the ETF Class of the Fund multiplied by the sector/security's average weight of the Fund's net asset value.

<sup>2</sup> MSCI EAFE sector indices. All data sourced from Bloomberg and Purpose Investments, unless otherwise noted.

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