

FACT SHEET

Consolidated Trust Fund

What is a Consolidated Trust Fund?

A Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) is an investment pool designed to provide stable growth and predictable income on donated and/or managed funds. The CTF investment pool strategy is regarded as the charitable sector's "gold standard" for its performance, flexibility, and liquidity (the ease of which funds can be accessed or converted to cash, as needed).

What is the Purpose of our CTF?

The CTF was established primarily to support Abundance Canada's Charity Partnership Program (CPP), whose participants, Canadian registered charities, are interested in an investment management vehicle that meets their diverse financial needs and priorities. Since then, other Abundance Canada donors have joined the CTF as they recognize it as a key enabler of their generosity and impact plans.

How does our CTF work?

Abundance Canada's CTF is comprised of a mix of dividend yielding equities and fixed income options, all of which comply with our very stringent, ethics and values informed, investment standards. The ratio mix is roughly 70% in equities and 30% in fixed income (with flexibility to adjust the ratio as required due to changing market conditions). On average, this mix allows for consistent cashflows (income) to support our partners' priorities while also allowing near instant liquidity for our partners to pull out their funds (convert to cash), when the need arises.

When a charity or donor establishes a fund within our CTF, it is invested in the pool and immediately begins to benefit from the fund's performance (reflected in their fund's share of the CTF's market value, which is reported routinely). Depending on the type of fund invested therein, these earnings can either be reinvested to grow in value and/or converted into disbursements (grants) to support the fundholder's priorities.

How does the CTF perform?

The CTF was specifically designed as an income and growth investment option with 100% liquidity and has annual rates of return (AROR) targets of 6-9% (net of fees). It should be noted that while no market investment is without risk, the asset mixes on which the CTF is based have had an AROR of 13% and 9.5% over the past 5- and 10-year time periods, respectively.



What fees are associated with the CTF?

Abundance Canada believes in the power of collaboration to make lasting community impact. Our CTF embodies that same principle and has been designed to reduce its accompanying investment management fees as the fund grows, with the savings applied equally to all fundholders invested therein.

At inception, the investment fee for the CTF (separate from any administration fees Abundance Canada applies to support its operations) was 70 basis points (or 0.7%) charged annually against the market value of each invested fund. As the CTF grows through participation and reaches \$100M or more in combined value, this investment fee will drop to 40 basis points (or 0.4%) for every fundholder (regardless of whether their fund has \$10,000 invested or \$1,000,000 or more).

Who manages the CTF?

Abundance Canada's CTF pool is currently managed by Cardinal Capital Management Inc., a national discretionary portfolio investment management firm headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, with over 30 years of proven results and currently managing over \$4.5 billion of their clients' assets.



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