

# **TD Asset Management**

## **TD Dividend Growth Class**

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### **TD Mutual Funds Corporate Class Funds Annual Management Report of Fund Performance**

**for the year ended May 31, 2025**

This annual management report of fund performance contains financial highlights, but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the investment fund. You can get a copy of the annual financial statements at your request, at no cost, by calling 1-800-588-8054, by writing to us at TD Asset Management Inc., P.O. Box 100, 66 Wellington Street West, TD Bank Tower, Toronto-Dominion Centre, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1G8, by e-mail to [tdadvisor@td.com](mailto:tdadvisor@td.com), or by visiting our website at [www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management](http://www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management) or the SEDAR+ website at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca).



Securityholders may also contact us or visit our website to get a copy of the investment fund's interim financial report, proxy voting policies and procedures, proxy voting disclosure record, or quarterly portfolio disclosure at no cost.

### Management Discussion of Fund Performance

#### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The investment objective of the TD Dividend Growth Class (the "Fund") is to seek to provide steady growth and the potential for dividend income by investing primarily in, or gaining exposure to, high-quality, high-yield equity securities and other income-producing instruments of Canadian issuers. In seeking to achieve this objective, the Fund may: invest in units of an underlying fund, TD Dividend Growth Fund (the underlying fund or "UF"), invest directly in high-yield equity securities and other income-producing securities, and/or through the use of derivatives, gain exposure to such equities and other income-producing securities.

#### Risk

The risks of investing in the Fund remain as outlined in the simplified prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

The Investor Series shares of the Fund returned 15.8% for the year ended May 31, 2025 (the "Reporting Period"), versus 22.0% for the Fund's product benchmark and 21.0% for the Fund's general market index. The Fund's product benchmark is comprised of 60% S&P/TSX Sector Indices (financials, real estate, utilities, communication services, industrials, consumer staples, consumer discretionary, and the oil and gas storage & transportation sub-industry) and 40% S&P/TSX 60 Total Return Index. The Fund's general market index is the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index. Unlike the product benchmark and general market index, the Fund's return is quoted after the deduction of fees and expenses. Returns for other series of the Fund may vary, largely due to differences in fees and expenses.

Refer to the Past Performance section for returns of various series of the Fund. During the Reporting Period, the Fund invested its assets primarily in the O-Series units of the UF. The performance of the UF is similar to that of the Fund except for differences arising from fees and expenses, and purchase and/or redemption activities. These Results of Operations and Recent Developments commentaries reflect the views of the UF's Portfolio Adviser for the same period as they directly impact the Fund.

#### Market Update

The Canadian economy grew over the Reporting Period, benefiting from a relatively strong Canadian consumer. The labour market lost momentum, with Canada's unemployment rate moving higher. Inflationary pressures softened, due in part to falling energy prices. This prompted the Bank of Canada ("BoC") to lower its benchmark overnight interest rate from 5.00% to 2.75%. The outlook for Canada's economy became increasingly uncertain in response to escalating trade tensions. The U.S. put substantial tariffs on Canada, and Canada retaliated with tariffs of its own. Tariffs had little impact on economic growth in the first quarter of 2025 as foreign purchasers got ahead of tariffs by frontloading exports from Canada. However, tariffs dragged down consumer and business confidence, leaving the outlook for Canada's economy unclear.

The Canadian equity market advanced over the Reporting Period, with nine of 11 sectors posting positive returns. Information technology, financials and materials were the strongest-performing sectors, while communication services, health care and energy were the weakest-performing sectors.

The information technology sector benefited from lower interest rates and continued optimism that progress in artificial intelligence would help the industry. The sector rose almost 50% over the Reporting Period. Relatively robust economic conditions helped boost sentiment towards the financials sector. Companies in the sector saw relatively strong financial results. The materials sector increased in large part due to a surge in gold prices as investors moved towards the safe-haven asset amid economic uncertainty driven by global trade tensions.

#### *Key Contributors/Detractors Relative to the Product Benchmark*

The UF generated a positive return over the Reporting Period but underperformed its product benchmark.

- Stock selection within the energy sector detracted from performance due to a preference for oil and gas producers over pipeline companies.
- Stock selection within the industrials sector detracted from performance largely due to owning Canadian National Railway Co., which underperformed the sector, as well as not owning WSP Global Inc. and having underweight exposure to a waste management company. Shares of both companies rose by more than 20%.
- Stock selection within the materials sector detracted from performance due to owning a copper and zinc miner, whose shares declined by nearly 28%, and not owning gold producers such as Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., Wheaton Precious Metals Corp. and Kinross Gold Corp. Shares of each of these three gold companies rose by more than 60%.
- An underweight allocation to the industrials sector contributed to performance as the sector underperformed the product benchmark over the Reporting Period.
- A bias towards the financials sector contributed to performance as the sector performed better than the product benchmark.

#### *Key Contributors/Detractors Relative to the General Market Index*

The UF underperformed the general market index over the Reporting Period due to stock selection within the industrials sector and underweight allocations to the information technology and materials sectors. This was partially offset by an overweight allocation to the financials sector and positive stock selection within the health care sector.

## Recent Developments

The UF's Portfolio Adviser believes global trade tensions could weigh on consumer and business confidence, which could hinder global economic growth. However, this may be offset by easing of financial conditions as the UF's Portfolio Adviser believes central banks may continue to lower interest rates to help support their respective economies through this challenging environment.

The UF's Portfolio Adviser believes the positive impact of BoC interest rate cuts and potential shifts in fiscal and business policy following the Canadian federal election could offset some of the economic uncertainty of trade negotiations with the U.S. However, the UF's Portfolio Adviser also believes U.S. trade tensions could increase equity market volatility in the near term. Earnings revisions could be lower in the upcoming quarters, as the UF's Portfolio Adviser expects companies to reduce spending in the face of an uncertain U.S. trade policy.

Effective June 30, 2025, the independent review committee for the Fund appointed Hari Panday as a member and Paul Moore ceased to be chair and a member of the committee. Effective July 1, 2025, the independent review committee appointed Frances Kordyback as chair of the committee.

## Related Party Transactions

Affiliates of TD Asset Management Inc. ("TDAM") may earn fees and spreads in connection with various services provided to, or transactions with, the Fund, such as in connection with banking (including deposit taking), custody, securityholder account maintenance and reporting, brokerage and derivatives transactions.

### *Manager and Portfolio Adviser:*

TDAM, a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Toronto-Dominion Bank ("TD"), is the manager and portfolio adviser of the Fund. The Fund pays TDAM an annual management fee which may vary for each series of the Fund. The Fund also pays TDAM an annual administration fee of 0.08%, calculated and accrued as a percentage of the net asset value, with respect to Investor Series, Advisor Series and D-Series shares of the Fund. The Fund may hold underlying fund(s) managed by TDAM for which TDAM may be paid a fee. However, no management fees are payable by the Fund that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund(s) for the same services.

### *Distributor:*

Shares of the Fund are distributed through brokers and dealers including TD Waterhouse Canada Inc. ("TDWCI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of TD. TDWCI, like other dealers, is paid a trailer commission by TDAM for distributing certain series of shares of the Fund. Trailer commissions are paid by TDAM out of the management fees it receives from the Fund and are based on the average value of assets held by each dealer.

### *Registrar and Transfer Agent:*

TD is the registrar and transfer agent of the Fund, and as such maintains all shareholder records, processes purchase, switch, conversion and redemption orders, issues investor statements and prepares annual tax reporting information on behalf of the Fund. The Fund also maintains bank accounts and overdraft provisions with TD for which TD earns a fee.

### *Custodian:*

TD is the sub-custodian of the Fund and may hold a portion of the assets (including cash and investments) of the Fund.

### *Buying and Selling Securities:*

TDAM has established an independent review committee ("IRC") which acts as an impartial and independent committee to review and provide recommendations or, if appropriate, approvals respecting any conflict of interest matters referred to it by TDAM. The IRC prepares, at least annually, a report of its activities for securityholders of the Fund. The report is available on the TDAM website at [www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management](http://www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management) or at the securityholder's request at no cost by contacting TDAM (see front cover).

The Fund and/or the underlying fund in which the Fund invests relied on standing instructions from the IRC in respect of one or more of the following transactions:

- (a) trades in securities of TD or any affiliate or associate thereof;
- (b) investments in the securities of an issuer where TD Securities Inc., TDWCI, or any other affiliate of TDAM (a "Related Dealer") acted as an underwriter during the distribution of such securities and the 60-day period following the completion of the distribution of the underwritten securities;
- (c) purchases or sales of securities of an issuer from or to another investment fund or discretionary managed account managed by TDAM; and
- (d) purchases of securities from or sales of securities to a Related Dealer, where it acted as principal.

The relevant standing instructions require that securities transactions with related parties conducted by TDAM (i) are free from any influence by an entity related to TDAM and without taking into account any consideration relevant to an entity related to TDAM; (ii) represent the business judgment of TDAM uninfluenced by considerations other than the best interests of the Fund and/or underlying fund; (iii) comply with the applicable policies and procedures of TDAM; and (iv) achieve a fair and reasonable result for the Fund and/or underlying fund.

## Financial Highlights

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past five fiscal years, as applicable. For series that commenced operations during any of the periods presented, the data reported for that period represents results from the commencement of operations (as disclosed in the Past Performance section) to the end of that reporting period.

### Net Assets per Share (\$)<sup>1</sup>

	INVESTOR SERIES					ADVISOR SERIES				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>	21.03	18.16	20.23	17.86	13.38	21.05	18.18	20.25	17.79	13.33
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations:</b>										
Total Revenue	0.74	0.71	0.70	0.56	0.59	0.73	0.71	0.69	0.55	0.59
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.46)	(0.40)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.31)	(0.46)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.31)
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	0.81	0.87	0.42	0.34	0.54	0.82	0.88	0.42	0.33	0.54
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	2.24	1.80	(2.54)	2.22	3.97	2.21	1.77	(2.40)	2.15	3.96
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations<sup>2</sup></b>	3.33	2.98	(1.82)	2.73	4.79	3.30	2.96	(1.68)	2.64	4.78
<b>Distributions:</b>										
From Net Investment Income (excluding dividends)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
From Dividends	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.36)	(0.30)	(0.43)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.35)	(0.21)	(0.43)
From Capital Gains	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Return of Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.36)	(0.30)	(0.43)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.35)	(0.21)	(0.43)
<b>Net Assets at May 31</b>	24.22	21.03	18.16	20.23	17.86	24.25	21.05	18.18	20.25	17.79
<b>F-SERIES</b>										
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
	22.21	19.17	21.40	18.78	14.01	10.30	8.90	9.91	10.00 <sup>†</sup>	N/A
<b>Net Assets, Beginning of Year</b>										
<b>Increase (Decrease) from Operations:</b>										
Total Revenue	0.78	0.75	0.74	0.58	0.61	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.00	N/A
Total Expenses (excluding distributions)	(0.21)	(0.19)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.09)	(0.03)	N/A
Realized Gains (Losses) for the Period	0.88	0.94	0.45	0.35	0.57	0.40	0.43	0.21	0.03	N/A
Unrealized Gains (Losses) for the Period	2.31	1.94	(2.56)	2.26	4.29	1.05	0.85	(1.18)	0.09	N/A
<b>Total Increase (Decrease) from Operations<sup>2</sup></b>	3.76	3.44	(1.55)	3.01	5.33	1.71	1.53	(0.72)	0.09	N/A
<b>Distributions:</b>										
From Net Investment Income (excluding dividends)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
From Dividends	(0.41)	(0.38)	(0.59)	(0.45)	(0.59)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.26)	(0.02)	N/A
From Capital Gains	0.00	0.00	(0.06)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Return of Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
<b>Total Annual Distributions<sup>3</sup></b>	(0.41)	(0.38)	(0.65)	(0.45)	(0.59)	(0.18)	(0.18)	(0.26)	(0.02)	N/A
<b>Net Assets at May 31</b>	25.62	22.21	19.17	21.40	18.78	11.88	10.30	8.90	9.91	N/A

<sup>1</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Fund measures fair value of its investments based on close market prices, where the close market price falls within the bid-ask spread or based on quotations from recognized dealers. As such, the Fund's accounting policies for measuring the fair value of investments in the financial statements are substantively consistent with those used in measuring the net asset value ("NAV") for transactions with shareholders.

2 Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of shares outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding over the financial periods. These tables are not intended to be a reconciliation of the net assets per share.

3 *Distributions were paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares of the Fund, or both.*

<sup>†</sup> Initial offering price.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

	INVESTOR SERIES					ADVISOR SERIES				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) <sup>1</sup>	19,351	20,111	20,469	26,541	32,307	35,250	33,453	35,416	41,015	31,722
Number of Shares Outstanding (000s) <sup>1</sup>	799	956	1,127	1,312	1,809	1,453	1,589	1,948	2,026	1,783
Management Expense Ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	2.04	2.05	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.04
Management Expense Ratio Before Waivers or Absorptions (%)	2.04	2.05	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.04	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.04
Trading Expense Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	4.49	5.63	5.93	4.72	5.40	4.49	5.63	5.93	4.72	5.40
Net Asset Value per Share (\$)	24.22	21.03	18.16	20.23	17.86	24.25	21.05	18.18	20.25	17.79
F-SERIES						D-SERIES				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Net Asset Value (\$000s) <sup>1</sup>	113,830	100,966	90,053	96,685	73,243	4,919	4,458	5,084	5,322	N/A
Number of Shares Outstanding (000s) <sup>1</sup>	4,443	4,545	4,699	4,518	3,900	414	433	571	537	N/A
Management Expense Ratio (%) <sup>2</sup>	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.97	0.98	0.99	1.28	N/A
Management Expense Ratio Before Waivers or Absorptions (%)	0.89	0.89	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.97	0.98	1.01	1.28	N/A
Trading Expense Ratio (%) <sup>3</sup>	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	N/A
Portfolio Turnover Rate (%) <sup>4</sup>	4.49	5.63	5.93	4.72	5.40	4.49	5.63	5.93	4.72	N/A
Net Asset Value per Share (\$)	25.62	22.21	19.17	21.40	18.78	11.88	10.30	8.90	9.91	N/A

<sup>1</sup> This information is provided as at May 31 of the years shown, as applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Management Expense Ratio ("MER") is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) net of any waivers or absorptions for the stated period, including the Fund's proportionate share of the MER, if any, of the underlying fund(s) in which the Fund has invested in, and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period. Management Expense Ratio Before Waivers or Absorptions is based on total expenses and excludes the management fees on the portion of the NAV the Fund invests in the underlying funds that are managed by TDAM or its affiliates. There will be no duplication of management fees paid to TDAM or its affiliates. Any waivers or absorptions may be discontinued at any time by TDAM at its discretion without notice.

<sup>3</sup> The trading expense ratio ("TER") represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the stated period. Where a Fund invests in securities of any underlying fund, the TER presented for the Fund includes the portion of TERs, if available, of the underlying fund(s) attributable to this investment.

<sup>4</sup> The Fund's portfolio turnover rate ("PTR") indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages its investments. A PTR of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the securities in its portfolio once in the course of the stated period. The higher a fund's PTR, the greater the trading costs payable, directly or indirectly, by the fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the fiscal year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

### Management Fees

As manager of the Fund, TDAM is responsible for the overall business and affairs of the Fund, including activities related to making shares of the Fund available to investors, and providing, or arranging for the provision of, investment advisory services and marketing services to the Fund. In consideration for the provision of such services, each series of the Fund pays TDAM a management fee.

Management fees are calculated and accrued on a daily basis for each applicable series based on the net asset value of that series and paid monthly to TDAM.

The simplified prospectus discloses a specified annual management fee rate that TDAM can charge for each series of the Fund. Where TDAM chooses to charge a management fee rate below the specified annual management fee rate, the difference represents a waiver of management fees. TDAM may waive all or a portion of the management fees being charged to the Fund, which may be discontinued at any time by TDAM at its discretion without notice to shareholders.

The annual management fees and a breakdown of the major services rendered for each series, as a percentage of the management fees paid, are as follows:

(expressed as a %)	Annual Mgmt. Fees*	Dealer Compensation	Waived Operating Expenses	Other‡
Investor Series	1.75	56.94	0.00	43.06
Advisor Series	1.75	55.21	0.00	44.79
F-Series	0.80	0.00	0.01	99.99
D-Series	0.80	0.00	0.01	99.99

\* Includes management fees paid by the Fund and the proportionate management fees, if any, of the underlying fund(s) managed by TDAM held by the Fund. However, no management fees are payable by the Fund that, to a reasonable person, would duplicate a fee payable by the underlying fund(s) for the same services.

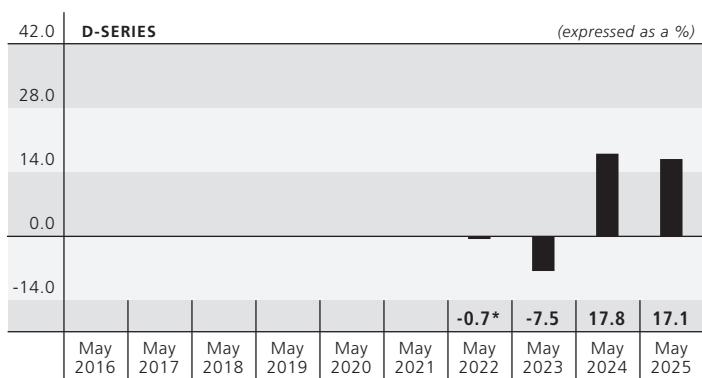
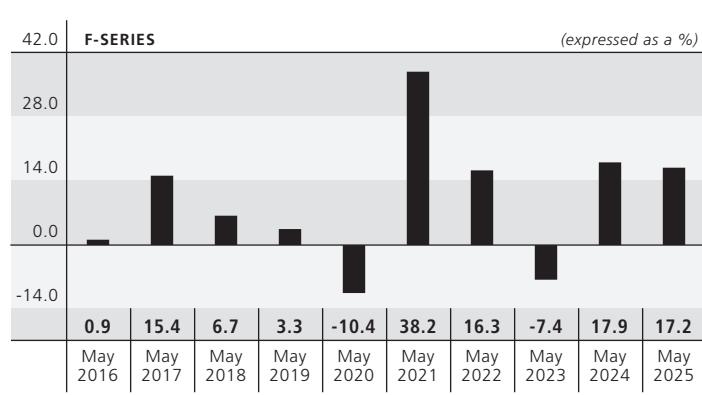
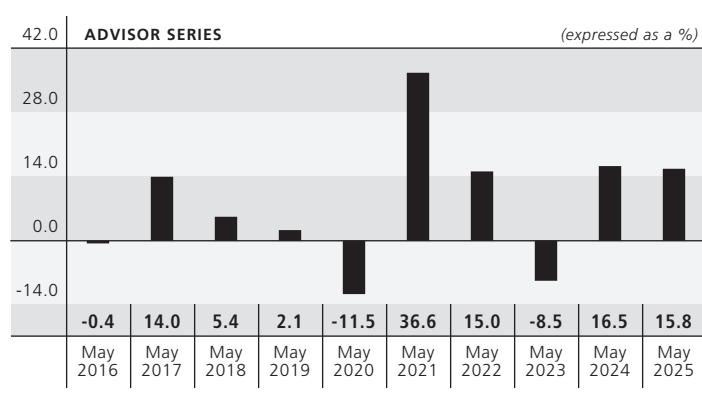
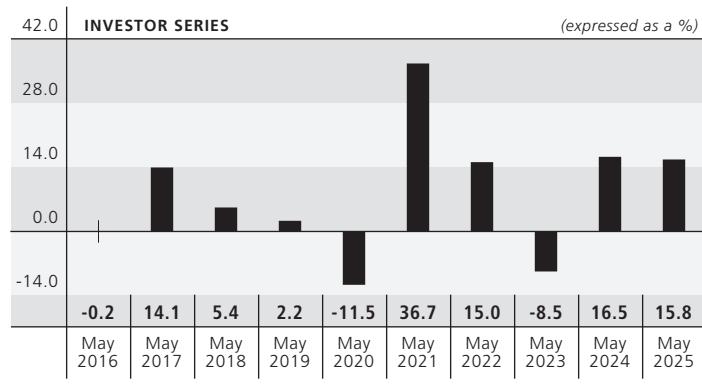
‡ Investment advisory, marketing services and other.

## Past Performance

The following charts show how the Fund has performed in the past, and can help you understand the risks of investing in the Fund. These returns include the reinvestment of all distributions and would be lower if an investor did not reinvest distributions. They do not include deduction of sales, switch, redemption, or other optional charges (which dealers may charge) or income taxes payable, and these returns would be lower if they did. The Fund's past performance does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

### Year-by-year returns

The bar charts show how the Fund's performance has varied from year to year for each of the fiscal years shown. They show in percentage terms how an investment made on June 1 would have increased or decreased by May 31 for each year.



### Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the annual compound total returns for each series of shares of the Fund for each of the periods indicated ending on May 31, 2025, compared with the following benchmarks:

- The Product Benchmark is comprised of:
  - 60% S&P/TSX Sector Indices – This is comprised of financials, real estate, utilities, communication services, industrials, consumer staples, consumer discretionary, and the oil and gas storage & transportation sub industry within the S&P/TSX Composite Index; and
  - 40% S&P/TSX 60 Total Return Index – This index is comprised of the largest 60 companies on the S&P/TSX Composite Index, by market capitalization.
- General Market Index:
  - S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index – This index is comprised of Canadian issuers traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

(expressed as a %)	Past year	Past 3 years	Past 5 years	Past 10 years	Since inception <sup>‡</sup>
Investor Series	15.8	7.3	14.2	7.7	N/A
Advisor Series	15.8	7.3	14.2	7.7	N/A
F-Series	17.2	8.6	15.5	9.0	N/A
D-Series	17.1	8.5	N/A	N/A	8.0
Product Benchmark	22.0	10.9	15.0	9.8	♦
General Market Index	21.0	11.5	14.9	9.0	♦

♦ Please refer to the following table for product benchmark and general market index returns relative to each series' inception date, where applicable.

(expressed as a %)	Product Benchmark <sup>‡</sup>	General Market Index <sup>‡</sup>
D-Series (Feb. 15, 2022)	9.5	10.2

‡ From the month-end following the commencement date.

A discussion of the Fund's performance compared to the product benchmark and general market index can be found in the Results of Operations section.

**Summary of Investment Portfolio**

as at May 31, 2025

	% of Net Asset Value	% of Net Asset Value
<b>ASSET ALLOCATION</b>		
Canadian Equity Funds	100.1	
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	0.1	
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.2)	
	% of Net Asset Value	
<b>TOP 25 INVESTMENTS</b>		
TD Dividend Growth Fund, O-Series <sup>†</sup>	100.1	
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	0.1	
Total % of Net Asset Value represented by these holdings	100.2	
	% of Net Asset Value	
<b>TOTAL NET ASSET VALUE (000s)</b>	\$ 173,350	
	% of Net Asset Value	
<b>INVESTMENT MIX OF UNDERLYING FUND(S)</b>		
Financials	49.3	
Energy	14.5	
Industrials	11.7	
Consumer Discretionary	6.0	
Information Technology	4.2	
Utilities	3.7	
Consumer Staples	2.8	
Communication Services	2.7	
Materials	2.3	
Health Care	1.0	
Real Estate	0.9	
Cash (Bank Overdraft)	0.7	
Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts	0.1	
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	0.1	
Total % of Net Asset Value represented by these holdings	78.9	

<sup>†</sup> Related party to the Fund as an affiliated entity of TD Asset Management Inc.

Note: Totals may not add due to rounding to one decimal place of individual figures.

The prospectus and other information about the underlying investment funds are available on the investment fund's designated website and/or at [www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca). The prospectus and other information about underlying TD investment funds are also available at [www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management](http://www.td.com/ca/en/asset-management), [www.td.com/ca/en/global-investment-solutions](http://www.td.com/ca/en/global-investment-solutions) or upon request to TD Asset Management Inc.

The Summary of Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund and underlying fund(s). Updates are available quarterly. You may obtain the most current quarterly information by contacting 1-800-588-8054, by writing to us at TD Asset Management Inc., P.O. Box 100, 66 Wellington Street West, TD Bank Tower, Toronto, Ontario, M5K 1G8, or by e-mail to [tdadvisor@td.com](mailto:tdadvisor@td.com).

## **Caution regarding forward-looking statements**

Certain portions of this report, including, but not limited to, "Results of Operations" and "Recent Developments", may contain forward-looking statements including, but not limited to, statements about the Fund, its strategy, risks, expected performance and condition. Forward-looking statements include statements that are predictive in nature, that depend upon or refer to future events or conditions, or that include words such as "expects", "anticipates", "intends", "plans", "believes", "estimates" and similar forward-looking expressions or negative versions thereof.

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Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and actual events could differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements made by the Fund. Any number of important factors could contribute to these digressions, including, but not limited to, general economic, political and relevant market factors in North America and internationally, interest and foreign exchange rates, equity and capital markets, business competition, technological change, changes in government relations, unexpected judicial or regulatory proceedings and catastrophic events.

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