



# US-Canada Income and Growth

## Fund Overview

### Investment Objective

US-Canada Income and Growth (the "Fund") seeks to provide regular income\* and to a lesser extent long term\*\* capital appreciation by investing in the Target Fund, which will be investing in equities securities, debt securities and convertible securities.

### The Fund is suitable for sophisticated investors seeking:

- regular income\* and to a lesser extent long term\*\* capital appreciation on their investments; and
- an investment portfolio of equities securities, debt securities and convertible securities via the Target Fund.

Note: \*Income distribution (if any) is paid out on quarterly basis.

\*\*Long term means the investment horizon should at least be five (5) years.

Any material change to the investment objective of the Fund would require Unit Holders' approval.

## Fund Facts

### Fund Category / Type

Wholesale (Feeder Fund) / Income and Growth

### Base Currency

MYR

### Investment Manager

AmFunds Management Berhad

### Launch Date

17 June 2014

### Initial Offer Price

MYR 1.0000

### Minimum Initial Investment

MYR 1,000

### Minimum Additional Investment

MYR 500

### Annual Management Fee

Up to 1.80% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund

### Annual Trustee Fee

Up to 0.08% p.a. of the NAV of the Fund, subject to a minimum fee of RM10,000 p.a.

### Entry Charge

Up to 5.00% of NAV per unit of the Class

### Exit Fee

Nil

### Redemption Payment Period

By the 10th day of receipt of the redemption request.

### Income Distribution

Subject to availability of income, distribution will be paid on a quarterly basis.

### \*Data as at (as at 31 March 2025)

**NAV Per Unit\*** MYR 1.0113

**Fund Size\*** MYR 35.10 million

**Unit in Circulation\*** 34.70 million

**1- Year NAV High\*** MYR 1.1044 (12 Jun 2024)

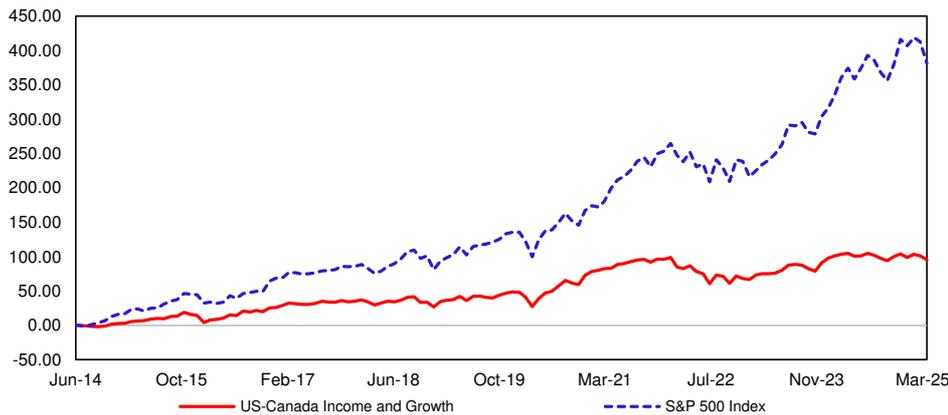
**1- Year NAV Low\*** MYR 1.0120 (05 Aug 2024)

Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

The above fees and charges may be subject to any applicable taxes and/or duties (imposed by the Government of Malaysia which are payable by the unit holder(s) and/or the Fund (as the case may be) at the prevailing rate.

## Fund Performance (as at 31 March 2025)

### Cumulative performance over the period (%)



Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future performance. Unit prices and investment returns may go down as well as up.

Note: The S&P 500 Index is only used as a reference for investment performance comparison purpose. The Fund is not managed against the S&P 500 Index. The risk profile of the Fund is not the same as the risk profile of the S&P 500 Index.

Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

## Performance Table (as at 31 March 2025)

Cumulative Return (%)	YTD	1 Month	6 Months	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Fund	-1.57	-2.59	0.76	-4.48	4.15	52.79
*Benchmark	-5.08	-6.20	5.43	1.42	36.63	141.09
Annualised Return (%)	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception		
Fund	1.36	8.85	6.23	6.39		
*Benchmark	10.95	19.23	14.53	15.68		
Calendar Year Return (%)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	
Fund	0.46	17.88	-16.04	11.54	19.98	
*Benchmark	21.83	31.60	-13.25	33.10	16.37	

\*S&P 500 Index

Source Benchmark: \*AmFunds Management Berhad

Source Fund Return : Novagni Analytics and Advisory Sdn. Bhd.

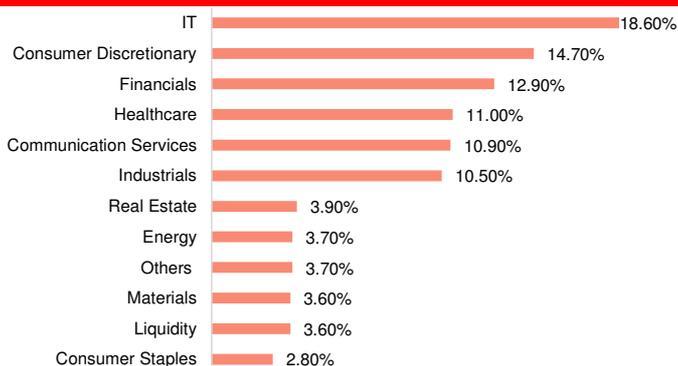
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## Asset Allocation (as at 31 March 2025)



Source: AmFunds Management Berhad

## Target Fund's Sector Allocation\* (as at 31 March 2025)



Source: Allianz Global Investors

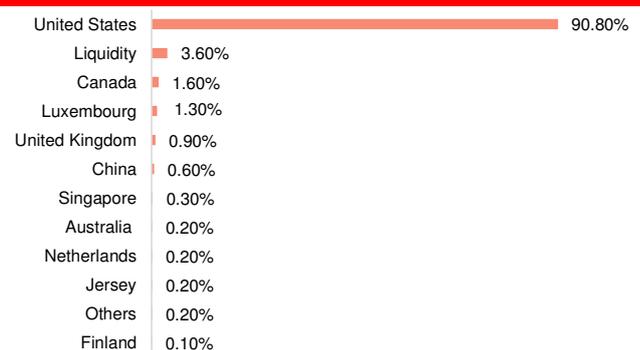
\*As percentage of NAV. Please note that asset exposure for the Target Fund is subject to frequent change on a daily basis.

## Target Fund's Top 5 Holdings (as at 31 March 2025)

NVIDIA Corp	1.80%
Apple Inc	1.80%
Microsoft Corp	1.40%
Amazon.Com Inc	1.40%
Wells Fargo & Company - CPR 7.5000 06/17/98	1.00%

Source: Allianz Global Investors

## Target Fund's Country Allocation\* (as at 31 March 2025)



Source: Allianz Global Investors

## Target Fund Manager's Commentary (as at 31 March 2025)

In our 2025 outlook, we wrote that the equity market's path would not be linear, with bouts of volatility throughout the year. We also noted convertible securities and high yield bonds – given their defensive characteristics – could mitigate equity market weakness. This scenario materialised in Q1. The portfolio is well positioned if volatility persists without sacrificing upside participation and income-generation potential.

The US economy could expand in 2025, but tariff, government reform, and immigration measures are becoming a bigger headwind than previously thought. However, tailwinds such as deregulation and taxation measures still exist. As trade and budgetary clarity improves, uncertainty should lessen, and spending, investment, hiring, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), etc. can resume. Productivity gains, industrialisation, onshoring, and private sector demand are additional potential growth drivers.

The Fed likely remains on hold as they assess the effect of trade policies on inflation, employment, and the potential for stagflation. Interest rate cuts could restart later this year to support their dual mandate. A resumption of monetary policy easing would closer align the Fed with accommodation by central banks overseas.

The equity markets are now pricing in slower economic and earnings growth. Stabilisation in these estimates or better than expected incoming data/results and corporate guidance could be positive equity market catalysts.

US convertible securities have a favourable asymmetric return profile, providing upside participation potential when stock prices rise and downside mitigation when stock prices fall. The asset class may outperform the broad equity market if volatility continues. USD 60-65 billion of new issuance is expected in 2025 due to coupon savings demand and elevated refinancing needs. Aside from diversification benefits, new issuance expands the opportunity set of investments with favourable terms and the desired risk/reward characteristics.

The US high yield market, yielding nearly 8%, could deliver a coupon-like return in 2025. As a result, the asset class continues to offer equity-like returns but with less volatility. The market's favourable total return potential is a function of its discount to face value and higher coupon, which also serves to cushion downside volatility. Credit fundamentals are stable, near-term refinancing obligations remain low, and management teams continue to exercise balance sheet discipline. In this environment, new issuance is expected to remain steady, and the default rate should stay below the historical average of 3-4%.

A covered call options strategy can be utilised to generate premium income. In periods of elevated or rising equity volatility, premiums collected may translate into more favourable annualised yields.

Collectively, these three asset classes can provide a steady source of income and a favourable "participate and protect" return profile.

The Target Fund is a client solution designed to provide high monthly income, the potential for capital appreciation, and less volatility than an equity-only fund.

Source: Allianz Global Investors

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