

# Mawer U.S. Equity Fund

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## Annual Management Report of Fund Performance

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

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## Management Discussion of Fund Performance

### Investment Objectives and Strategies

The Mawer U.S. Equity Fund (the "Fund") seeks to increase investors' capital by investing primarily in equities and equity-related securities of U.S. corporations. The Fund seeks to invest in companies that earn attractive returns on capital, are in strong financial position and have a demonstrable record of delivering strong operational and financial results. Shares are generally purchased at discounts to intrinsic value. Emphasis within the portfolio is placed upon holdings that are believed to exhibit superior risk-return characteristics.

### Risk

The risk level of the Fund did not change during the year. This Fund is suitable for investors seeking long-term growth and who have a medium tolerance for risk. General risks of investing in this Fund are outlined in the Prospectus and include the possibility of reduction in value of any given investment, liquidity risk, interest rate risk, and currency risk amongst others.

The Manager reduces the exposure to these risks by not concentrating more than 20% of the net assets of the Fund in a particular industry (i.e., sub-sector) as defined by the Global Industry Classification Standards (GICS).

### Results of Operations

The Fund's net assets decreased 26.4% to \$3,272.7 million from \$4,444.3 million at December 31, 2025. Of this change, \$221.6 million is attributable to positive investment performance and -\$1,393.2 million was due to net redemptions to the Fund.

The Manager assesses the Fund's underlying securities for liquidity on a quarterly basis. During the period the Fund has remained in compliance with National Instrument 81-102 and has maintained an illiquid concentration of less than 10% of the Fund's Net Asset Value. During the period there were no notable redemptions to the Fund that affected its liquidity.

### Performance Overview

Over the twelve-month period, the Fund's Series A Units' return was 5.4% (after fees and expenses) compared to the S&P 500 Index return of 12.4%. All performance values provided are in Canadian dollar terms. Overall, the S&P 500 was supported by optimism surrounding artificial intelligence, while more traditionally value-oriented sectors such as Financials also benefited from steepening yield curves.

### Key Contributors and Detractors

The Fund's underperformance was mainly due to security selection. Sector allocation was also negative over the period. At the security level, several holdings benefiting from artificial-intelligence-related tailwinds were notable contributors.

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Microsoft Corporation, a global software and cloud services provider, and Amphenol Corporation, a manufacturer of electronic and fiber-optic connectors and interconnect systems, performed well as demand for cloud computing and data-center infrastructure continued to exceed available supply.

On the negative side, UnitedHealth Group Incorporated detracted from performance as its Medicare Advantage business faced pressure from lower reimbursement rates, higher medical costs, and heightened regulatory scrutiny, which weighed on investor sentiment. Accenture plc also declined amid concerns that artificial intelligence-enabled solutions could reduce demand for traditional IT consulting services.

## Portfolio Activity

During the period, notable initiations included Northrop Grumman Corporation, Elevance Health, and AAON, Inc. Northrop Grumman, one of the largest defense contractors globally, was added due to its scale, mission-critical offerings, and high barriers to entry. Elevance Health was initiated based on its strong market positions, pricing power, and focus on disciplined capital allocation. AAON was added opportunistically following share price weakness that was viewed as disconnected from the company's long-term fundamentals.

Notable eliminations included Aon plc, CVS Health Corporation, Carrier Global Corporation, and Paychex, Inc., in favour of opportunities that were assessed to offer more attractive risk-adjusted return potential.

## Market Outlook

At the end of 2025, investors were navigating a complex mix of optimism and uncertainty. The combination of artificial intelligence innovation, continued fiscal support, and gradually easing monetary policy had supported growth and market confidence longer than many anticipated.

Beneath the surface, however, the contours of the global expansion were evolving. Shifting geopolitical alliances, increased policy intervention, and a growing emphasis on economic security accelerated the transition toward a more fragmented and multipolar world.

In such an environment, differences in management quality, balance-sheet discipline, governance, and capital allocation were expected to play an increasingly important role in determining long-term outcomes. The Fund remained focused on businesses capable of sustaining value creation while guarding against the permanent impairment of capital.

## Recent Developments

There are no recent developments to report related to the strategic positioning of the Fund, the Manager, or the policies of the Independent Review Committee.

## Related Party Transactions – Management Fees

The Portfolio Advisor receives management fees of 1.00% per annum for Series A Units of the Fund. The management fee is calculated daily at the rate of 1/365 (or 1/366 in a leap year) as the percentage of aggregate net asset value of the Series A Units of the Fund as of the last Valuation Date. The fee accrues daily and is paid monthly in arrears. Management fees for Series O Units are payable directly to the Manager by Series O investors and not by the Fund.

The Manager of the Fund has the ability, at their discretion, to reduce the management fees for large investors. This reduction is effected by means of a management fee distribution and will be automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund at the net asset value of the Fund on the date of distribution. Mawer also receives fees for performing administrative services. As at December 31, 2025 the Fund owes Mawer \$0 related to these administrative services.

## 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 years. This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements which are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards.

### The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Unit<sup>1</sup>

SERIES A	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Assets, beginning of year	100.66	83.00	72.78	87.58	70.87
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.41	1.49	1.26	1.15	0.82
Total expenses	(1.39)	(1.27)	(1.05)	(1.02)	(1.00)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	25.44	11.81	6.70	6.55	5.91
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(19.95)	6.18	3.56	(17.62)	10.98
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5.51</b>	<b>18.21</b>	<b>10.47</b>	<b>(10.94)</b>	<b>16.71</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(0.18)	(0.19)	(0.25)	-	-
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(1.70)	(0.17)	-	(4.16)	-
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions <sup>3</sup>	(1.88)	(0.36)	(0.25)	(4.16)	-
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>104.20</b>	<b>100.66</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>72.78</b>	<b>87.58</b>

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SERIES O	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Net Assets, beginning of year	100.89	83.13	72.92	83.24	67.54
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	1.43	1.50	1.28	1.10	0.78
Total expenses	(0.22)	(0.21)	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.12)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	24.68	11.82	6.73	6.33	5.64
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(19.74)	6.48	3.57	(17.47)	10.51
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>6.15</b>	<b>19.59</b>	<b>11.41</b>	<b>(10.19)</b>	<b>16.81</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	(1.67)	(1.35)	(1.22)	(0.90)	(0.68)
From dividends	-	-	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.55)	(0.09)	-	(0.17)	(0.47)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total Annual Distributions <sup>3</sup>	(2.22)	(1.44)	(1.22)	(1.07)	(1.15)
<b>Net Assets, end of year</b>	<b>105.31</b>	<b>100.89</b>	<b>83.13</b>	<b>72.92</b>	<b>83.24</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> This information is derived from the Fund's audited financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Net asset value and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/decrease from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial year.

<sup>(3)</sup> Distributions were reinvested in additional units of the Fund and/or paid in cash.

## Ratios and Supplemental Data

SERIES A	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	612,811	701,254	652,755	656,257	782,994
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	5,881	6,967	7,865	9,016	8,941
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	1.14%	1.14%	1.14%	1.14%	1.13%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	1.14%	1.14%	1.14%	1.14%	1.13%
Trading expense ratio <sup>3</sup>	0.01%	-	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Portfolio turnover rate <sup>4</sup>	14.06%	13.03%	11.92%	9.41%	18.02%
<b>Net asset value per unit<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>104.20</b>	<b>100.66</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>72.78</b>	<b>87.58</b>

SERIES O	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total net asset value (000's) <sup>1</sup>	2,659,927	3,743,000	3,676,840	3,685,453	4,864,154
Number of units outstanding (000's) <sup>1</sup>	25,259	37,100	44,231	50,541	58,437
Management expense ratio <sup>2</sup>	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%	0.01%
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<sup>(1)</sup> This information is provided as at December 31 of the year shown, as applicable.

<sup>(2)</sup> Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year.

<sup>(3)</sup> The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average net assets during the year.

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

## Past Performance

Sales commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the Prospectus before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any investor that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed. Their value changes frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

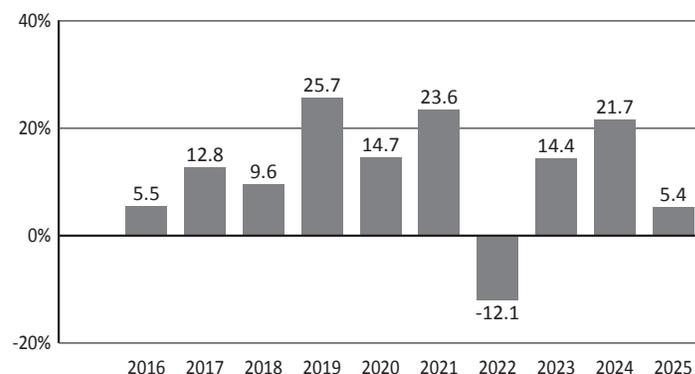
The Fund's performance numbers assume that all distributions are reinvested in additional units of the Fund. If you hold this Fund outside of a registered plan, income and capital gains distributions that are paid to you increase your income for tax purposes whether paid to you in cash or reinvested in additional units. The amount of the reinvested taxable distributions is added to the adjusted cost base of the units that you own. This would decrease your capital gains or increase your capital loss when you later redeem from the Fund, thereby ensuring that you are not taxed on this amount again. Please consult your tax advisor regarding your personal tax situation.

The past performance of the Fund is set out in the following charts.

## Year-by-Year Returns

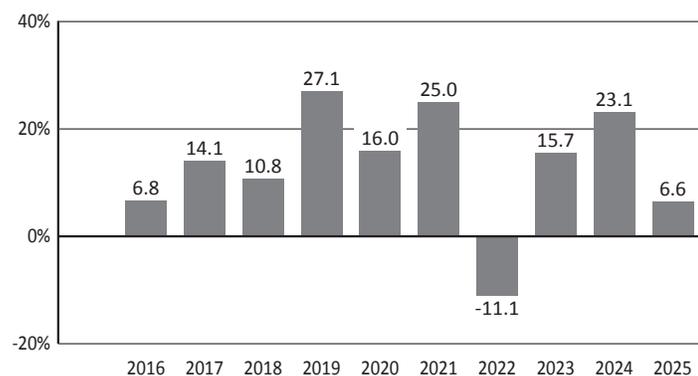
The bar charts below show the Fund's annual performance in each of the past 10 years, if applicable, to December 31. The charts show in percentage terms how an investment made on January 1 would have increased or decreased by December 31 of the fiscal year.

Series A<sup>(\*)</sup>



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Series O(\*)



(\*) Series A start date was December 18, 1992; Series O start date was December 1, 2004.

## Annual Compound Returns

The following table shows the historical annual compound total return of the Fund for the periods shown ending on December 31, 2025. The annual compound total return is also compared to the S&P 500 Index calculated on the same compound basis.

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Mawer U.S. Equity Fund – Series A	5.4%	13.6%	9.8%	11.6%	8.8%
S&P 500 Index Gross	12.4%	23.5%	16.1%	14.7%	11.0%
Mawer U.S. Equity Fund – Series O	6.6%	14.9%	11.0%	12.9%	10.9%
S&P 500 Index Gross	12.4%	23.5%	16.1%	14.7%	11.5%

(\*) Series A start date was December 18, 1992; Series O start date was December 1, 2004.

Widely regarded as the standard for measuring large cap US stock market performance, the S&P 500 Index includes a representative sample of established companies in the major economic sectors of the US. All index returns are calculated in Canadian dollars on a total return basis, meaning that all distributions are reinvested.

## Summary of Investment Portfolio

A summary of the Fund as at December 31, 2025 is as follows:

Sector Allocation	% of Net Assets
Equities	
Communication Services	6.99%
Consumer Discretionary	7.02%
Consumer Staples	3.48%
Financials	23.17%
Healthcare	19.46%
Industrials	12.50%
Information Technology	16.75%
Materials	5.80%
Utilities	3.63%
Cash Equivalents	1.23%
Other Net Assets (Liabilities)	(0.03)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

The following table lists the 25 largest holdings of the Fund (or all holdings if the total number of holdings is less than 25) as at December 31, 2025.

Issuer	% of Net Assets
Amphenol Corporation Cl. A	5.37%
Microsoft Corporation	5.31%
Alphabet Inc. Cl. C	4.95%
Amazon.com, Inc.	4.28%
Visa Inc. Cl. A	3.76%
Cencora Inc.	3.59%
Waters Corporation	3.54%
CME Group Inc. Cl. A	2.86%
Martin Marietta Materials, Inc.	2.84%
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.	2.82%
Abbott Laboratories	2.67%
MasterCard Incorporated Cl. A	2.65%
Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc.	2.53%
Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.	2.52%
BWX Technologies, Inc.	2.37%
FTI Consulting, Inc. Cl. A	2.27%
AptarGroup, Inc.	2.20%
The Procter & Gamble Company	2.19%
OSI Systems, Inc.	2.19%
Verizon Communications Inc.	2.04%
American Electric Power Company, Inc.	1.99%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1.95%
CACI International Inc. Cl. A	1.83%
Northrop Grumman Corporation	1.80%
The Southern Company	1.64%
<b>Total</b>	<b>72.16%</b>

The investments and percentages may have changed by the time you purchase units of this fund. The top 25 holdings are made available quarterly, 60 days after quarter-end and may be obtained by contacting your registered representative or by contacting the Manager toll-free at 1-844-395-0747 or by e-mail at [info@mawer.com](mailto:info@mawer.com). The Prospectus and other information about the underlying mutual fund(s) are available online at [www.sedarplus.com](http://www.sedarplus.com) and [www.mawer.com](http://www.mawer.com).