NewGen Alternative Income Fund (Class F)

September 2026 Newsletter

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Fund Overview

The NewGen Alternative Income Fund seeks to provide unitholders with a combination of steady long-term capital appreciation and a stable stream of income. The Fund invests both long and short in an actively managed diversified portfolio of predominantly Canadian securities (equities, fixed income, preferred shares, warrants, SPACs and options). It employs a broad range of strategies including fundamental long/short, opportunistic long/short, pairs trading, hedging and option strategies. The Manager places a strong emphasis on risk management and defensive market positioning in order to reduce market Beta and preserve capital in adverse market conditions.

Monthly Portfolio Returns

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
2019	**NG AI F**	**4.06%**	**4.91%**	**0.76%**	**0.13%**	**-0.75%**	**1.36%**	**-1.10%**	**-0.86%**	**-1.39%**	**-1.32%**	**2.01%**	**1.30%**	**9.23%**
	Benchmark*	0.83%	2.33%	1.04%	2.59%	-1.71%	1.70%	0.49%	0.33%	1.93%	-0.59%	2.42%	0.09%	11.96%
2020	**NG AI F**	**1.25%**	**-3.16%**	**-7.53%**	**5.38%**	**2.81%**	**0.91%**	**3.62%**	**2.66%**	**-1.36%**	**0.50%**	**4.41%**	**4.40%**	**13.93%**
	Benchmark*	1.70%	-3.73%	-14.78%	6.30%	2.06%	1.81%	3.50%	2.29%	-0.93%	-1.76%	7.27%	1.47%	3.36%
2021	**NG AI F**	**2.10%**	**2.19%**	**1.52%**	**1.53%**	**0.49%**	**0.84%**	**-0.74%**	**1.81%**	**-0.42%**	**1.81%**	**-2.16%**	**0.68%**	**9.98%**
	Benchmark*	-0.13%	2.58%	4.00%	1.88%	2.71%	0.97%	0.92%	0.92%	-0.69%	3.32%	-1.36%	3.34%	19.91%
2022	**NG AI F**	**-1.15%**	**1.34%**	**0.85%**	**-1.49%**	**1.29%**	**-3.09%**	**2.53%**	**-1.04%**	**-2.96%**	**1.18%**	**3.65%**	**-1.45%**	**-0.59%**
	Benchmark*	1.19%	0.75%	2.36%	-2.83%	-0.08%	-5.98%	3.31%	-0.78%	-3.14%	3.42%	3.93%	-2.76%	-1.14%
2023	**NG AI F**	**2.73%**	**-1.62%**	**-0.49%**	**0.61%**	**-0.77%**	**-0.48%**	**1.99%**	**-1.78%**	**-2.70%**	**-2.81%**	**4.47%**	**2.67%**	**1.53%**
	Benchmark*	4.91%	-1.39%	-0.61%	2.42%	-3.85%	2.18%	1.99%	-0.78%	-1.90%	-1.79%	4.94%	3.49%	9.57%
2024	**NG AI F**	**0.33%**	**0.47%**	**2.52%**	**1.77%**	**0.43%**	**0.54%**	**2.58%**	**0.57%**	**1.99%**	**2.95%**	**5.67%**	**0.48%**	**22.14%**
	Benchmark*	0.66%	1.57%	3.12%	-1.26%	2.83%	-1.07%	4.72%	0.77%	2.42%	0.61%	3.45%	-2.02%	16.75%
2025	**NG AI F**	**-2.51%**	**-2.19%**	**1.07%**	**-0.10%**	**5.53%**	**3.28%**	**1.81%**	**3.71%**	**3.30%**	**-0.07%**	**2.30%**	**1.88%**	**19.21%**
	Benchmark*	2.34%	0.20%	-0.46%	-0.20%	3.79%	1.81%	0.95%	3.10%	3.38%	-0.07%	3.19%	1.07%	20.74%
2026	**NG AI F**	**6.09%**	**7.35%**	**-5.00%**	**4.33%**	**2.26%**	**-0.96%**	**-1.55%**	**0.24%**	**-2.29%**				**10.23%**
	Benchmark*	1.49%	5.67%	-2.66%	2.65%	1.88%	0.85%	1.18%	1.23%	-2.08%				10.44%

Growth of $10,000 Invested Since Inception

*The benchmark is a custom measure weighted 2/3rd to the S&P/TSX Composite Dividend Total Return Index and 1/3rd to the S&P Canada High Yield Corporate Bond Total Return Index.

Data Since Inception

	Fund	Benchmark*	TSX TR
Annualized Performance	10.8%	11.6%	14.6%
Year-To-Date	10.2%	10.4%	13.0%
One-Year	14.8%	15.1%	20.0%
Three-Year	18.7%	18.4%	25.1%
Five-Year	10.2%	12.2%	15.2%
Current Annualized Yield	3.9%	N/A	2.1%
Standard Deviation	8.7%	9.9%	13.8%
Downside Standard Deviation	4.2%	6.3%	8.2%
Sharpe Ratio (RFR=2.25%)	1.0	1.0	0.9
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Correlation vs Benchmark	76.2%	100.0%	N/A
Beta Coefficient to Benchmark	0.7	1.0	N/A
Jensen's Alpha (RFR=2.25%)	2.3%	N/A	N/A
Positive Months	65.6%	68.8%	68.8%
Avg. Monthly Gain	2.3%	2.4%	3.2%
Avg. Monthly Loss	-1.8%	-2.1%	-3.2%
Avg. Upside Capture vs Bench	79.3%	100.0%	N/A
Avg. Downside Capture vs Bench	59.7%	100.0%	N/A

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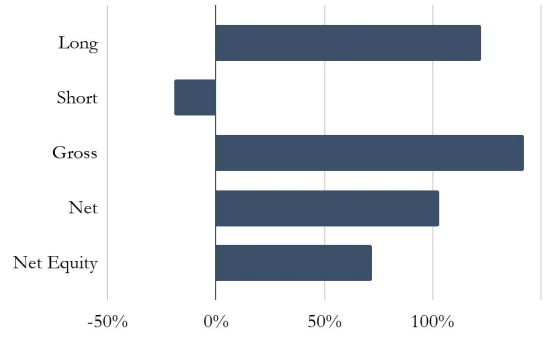
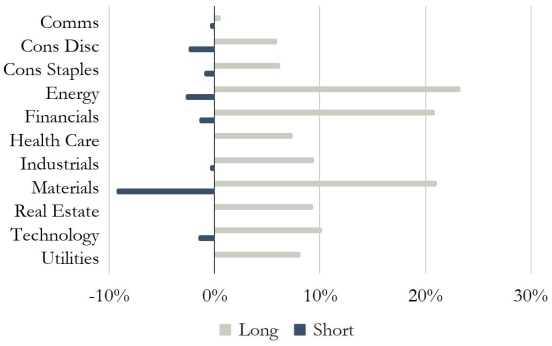
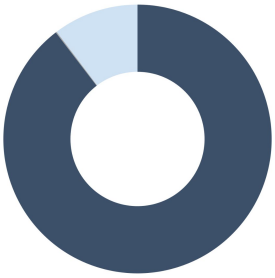
Portfolio Exposure



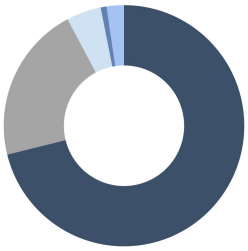
Portfolio Exposure by Sector



Gross Portfolio Exposure by Country



Gross Portfolio Exposure by Security Type



Key information

Fund AUM	$336.8 million
Fund Inception	January 22, 2019
FundSERV Code	NEW 401
Minimum Investment	$500
Management Fee	1.00%
Performance Fee	15.00%
Risk Rating	Low to Medium
Legal Advisor	McMillan LLP
Administrator	SGGG Fund Services
Auditor	Deloitte LLP
Prime Broker	CIBC World Markets
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Footnotes & Disclaimers

The NewGen Alternative Income Fund began trading on January 22nd, 2019 – performance for the month reflects that

Standard deviation is a form of hypothetical performance data; Sharpe Ratio, Sortino Ratio and Jensen's Alpha are hypothetical measures of excess return and we assume a risk-free rate of 1.5% in their calculations

This monthly distribution is fixed but not guaranteed and may be adjusted from time to time at the discretion of the fund manager.

The Fund's current annualized yield is calculated based on the most recent monthly distribution assuming reinvestment, divided by the most recent month-end NAV

Portfolio exposures are all calculated as of the most recent calendar quarter-end

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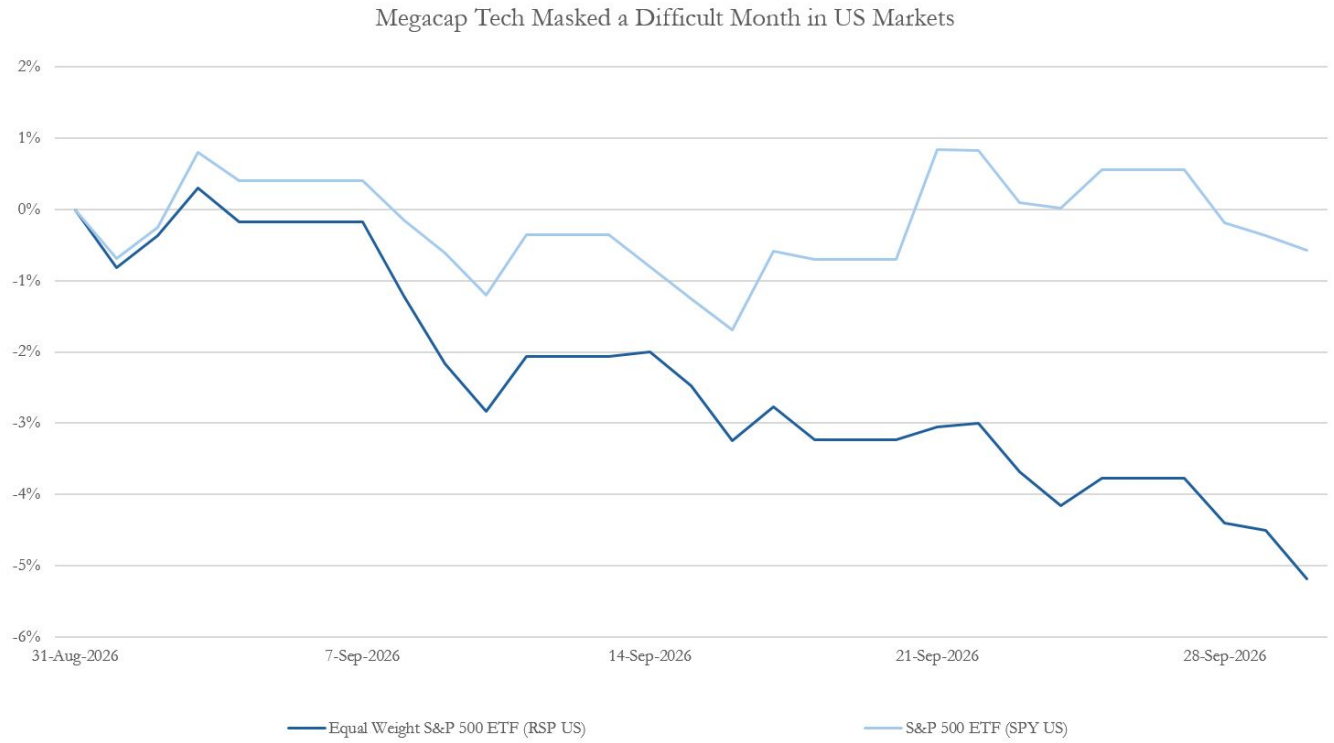
Market Commentary

North American equity markets were mixed in September, as the Federal Reserve's first rate hike since July 2023 and renewed Middle East tensions raised the prospect of a meaningful economic headwind. The S&P 500 declined 0.45% on the month, while the Nasdaq bucked the trend, advancing 1.86%, supported by continued strength in mega-cap technology. The divergence between the cap-weighted S&P 500 (-0.45%) and the equal-weighted S&P 500 (-4.99%) underscored ongoing momentum in the AI trade and a continued deterioration of market breadth. The TSX declined 2.85% on the month, with weakness broad-based across ten of eleven sectors. The Fed's unanimous September rate hike was accompanied by updated projections signalling at least one additional increase before year-end — a more hawkish outcome than many had hoped for. Meanwhile, the Iran conflict remained in focus, with renewed U.S. strikes and an attack on a Saudi pipeline in mid-September pushing crude oil higher. The Bank of Canada added a domestic note of caution, with Governor Macklem warning that U.S. tariffs and energy price pressures could push fourth-quarter Canadian growth below 1%. Treasury yields moved higher on the month, with the U.S. 10-year yield closing at 5.28%, crossing the 5% threshold for the first time in over two decades. The U.S. dollar firmed materially, with the DXY rising 2.0% to close above 101. Gold fell 6.3% on the month, declining from US$4,437 to US$4,157, pressured by higher real yields and a stronger dollar unwinding much of August's safe-haven gains. WTI crude advanced 7.6% to close at US$90.42/bbl as the Hormuz risk premium persisted. Copper slipped 1.0%, reflecting concern that tighter monetary policy and slowing growth could dampen industrial demand. Bitcoin advanced 6.0% on the month, continuing to attract flows as an alternative store of value amid dollar debasement concerns. Across the TSX, Information Technology (+3.4%) was the sole advancing sector, while Communication Services (-10.8%), Materials (-7.6%), and Real Estate (-3.6%) led declines.

Winners

Some noteworthy winners from the month included: (1) long Bird Construction Ltd (BDT-TSX), which appreciated in response to increasing sentiment regarding domestic infrastructure investments and the expansion of a data centre MOU in which Bird is the lead construction partner, (2) long Blackberry Ltd (BB-TSX), which reported a beat and raise quarter and recorded its first Alloy Kore vehicle platform contract win; and, (3) long Enerflex Ltd (EFX-TSX), which benefited from improving contract pricing and sentiment regarding its ability to win large-scale data center electrification projects

Chart of the Month

Megacap tech masked a difficult month in US markets. The top 10 names in the S&P 500, all megacap tech, make up ~40% of the index. Those stocks ended the month at or within spitting distance of all time highs. META in particular notched a strong month, up 26% on the back of the release of Muse. Meantime, everything else including cyclicals and interest rate sensitive names had a desultory go of it.