At Bristol Gate, we believe that companies with a consistent track record of high dividend growth, supported by robust free cash flow and disciplined capital allocation are uniquely positioned to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns. These businesses typically exhibit resilience across economic cycles and align management incentives with shareholder interests. Historically, dividend growth rates have been powerful predictors of total return; specifically, the fastest dividend growers often outperform the broader dividend-growth universe.

Portfolio Results

The Bristol Gate Canadian Equity strategy lagged the benchmark in Q4.

In the final quarter of the year, the S&P/TSX Composite TR finished up 6.25%.

The strongest sectors in the index in the fourth quarter included Materials, which continued its dominant year long run, adding 11.91%, Consumer Discretionary at 10.96%, and Financials 10.48%.

There were only three sectors with negative prints in the quarter. Real Estate was the outsized laggard down -6.15%, with Communication Services fairing marginally better -1.68% and Industrials declining -1.45%.

The Bank of Canada left the overnight rate unchanged at 2.25% in December, citing that high uncertainty makes it difficult to predict the direction of monetary policy. The central bank's governing council also discussed how the economic outlook hinges in large part on the future of the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

Copper and Gold both benefitted from multiple underlying fundamental and macro drivers, pushing the metals meaningfully higher. Copper finished up 21.43% (S&P Goldman Sachs Commodity Index) and Gold higher by 14.18% (London Bullion Market Association Gold Price PM USD).

During the quarter within the portfolio, Financials, Energy and Materials were the leading absolute contributors.

For the year, the S&P/TSX Composite finished up 31.68%. 2025 was the best gain for the index since 2009. Materials dominated the benchmark contributions, delivering a staggering 100.61% over the last twelve months, a 65 percentage points delta over the next closest sector, Financials at 35.31%. Consumer Discretionary, the third largest contributor, finished up 30.97%. All eleven sectors finished the year in positive territory. Health Care was the weakest sector, returning 0.38%.

Incredibly, Materials had 28 companies returning >100%, 5 of which returned >200% in 2025.

Copper gained over 42% in 2025 and continued its move higher after bottoming during the pandemic.

For the year gold finished up 67.41%, which is the strongest annual return since 1979.

In 2025, the Bristol Gate Canadian Equity trailed the index meaningfully.

The portfolio struggled relative to the index, primarily due to our underweight and lack of exposure to gold/silver miners. An Industrials overweight and lack of exposure to the big five banks also detracted. Non dividend paying technology names Shopify and Celestica had also meaningful contribution to the index returns for the year, detracting our relative outcome. Energy, Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services were positive relative contributors.

During the year the leading absolute performance contributors were Dollarama, Toromont Industries and Element Fleet Management. The top detractors for the last twelve months included Thomson Reuters, Enghouse Systems and FirstService Corporation.

Quarterly Contributors:

Leading contributors to absolute performance included Energy, Consumer Discretionary and Materials.

TerraVest Industries, TFI International and Loblaw Companies were the top contributors to performance.

TerraVest Industries struggled for the first half of the quarter before a materially better second half. The company released strong fourth quarter earnings with sales for Q4 and FY2025 up 82% and 50% year-over-year. Net income for Q4 and FY2025 increased 54% and 34% year-over-year respectively, with contributions from new acquisitions and favorable non-recurring items. Adjusted EBITDA for Q4 and FY2025 grew 72% and 40% year-over-year, reflecting higher sales and acquisition synergies. The board of directors declared a dividend increase of 14% over the prior quarterly dividend in mid-December during the latest quarterly earnings.

TFI International released earnings at the end of October. The company beat on EPS, but they missed consensus on revenue and dealt with the continued deceleration in the North American freight market. Renewed optimism regarding a subsequent recovery of the freight market lifted the stock prices in the transportation industry in both sides of the border. Specifically to TFII, continued improvement on their US operations with quarter-to-quarter lowered Operating Ratios (OR) helped investors' confidence on management's ability to turn the segment around. Finally, free cash flow generation continued to increase despite lower earnings, helping TFI maintain a strong financial position.

Loblaw Companies released earnings mid-November and saw a nice bump in the stock price as a result. EPS surpassed expectations with revenue remaining steady and in-line with consensus. Highlights for the third quarter 2025 included revenue up 4.6%, retail segment sales increasing 4.5%, e-commerce sales increasing 18%, continuing its momentum and adjusted EBITDA of 7.2%. The company also bought back 6.8M shares, reducing outstanding market float. Loblaw Companies anticipates full year adjusted EPS growth in the low double digits from high single digits, driven by its ongoing store expansion and focus on value, quality and convenience. The company is also preparing for changes in the generic drug market, which may impact future earnings. Interestingly CEO Per Bank highlighted the importance of data assets saying, “data assets will be a key differentiator for continued success and growth.”

Quarterly Detractors:

Real Estate and Information Technology were detractors from absolute performance.

FirstService Corporation, Thomson Reuters and OpenText were the leading detractors.

FirstService Corporation released earnings in late October and while the quarter was not bad, with small misses primarily due to low catastrophic/weather-related business being low, the stock was punished as a result. Revenue of $1.45B vs FactSet $1.47B – 8 estimates, $1.45-1.48B, slightly missed consensus while EPS growth was in-line (Q3 EPS $1.76 ex-items vs FactSet $1.76 – 8 estimates, $1.71-1.80). Adjusted EBITDA came in ahead at $164.8M vs FactSet $167.1M [7 estimates, $165.6-168.9M]. Scott Patterson, CEO, commented: "We are pleased with the resilient growth in our consolidated Q3 results, despite weather-related and broader commercial macroeconomic headwinds which tempered the organic top-line within our Brands division. While we see these market challenges continuing to impact our performance in Q4, our businesses will collectively deliver a solid year of growth and profitability." The company trades at 16x Forward EV/EBITDA, below the long-term average at 18.1x (average –excluding early pandemic period at 16.7x)

Thomson Reuters delivered in-line quarter with a beat on EPS and revenue. Headwinds in their government solutions business will likely result at the lower end of the FY25 organic growth range. Free cash flow decline year-over-year was a concern. More importantly, perceived skepticism that AI startups could disrupt the business model has hurt its stock price. Guidance was reaffirmed but just short of the higher end of the ranges for 3 main reasons: slower ramp up of commercial print volumes, several US federal government cancellations and downgrades in federal efficiency programs and slightly softer booking trends within the ‘Corporates’ segment following an internal sales organizational change.

OpenText released decent earnings on November 5, but apparently not good enough. Earnings per share beat consensus $1.05 vs $0.99 and revenue slightly beat consensus, margins were quite healthy, and free cash flow saw a noticeable year-over-year improvement. The concerns were related to the underlying components of recurring revenue, year over year growth was modest suggesting a slower growth trajectory than high-growth cloud peers. Another perceived negative was the customer support decline of 1.5% which is a core part of Annual Recurring Revenue possibly raising concerns about client retention in the traditional on-premise business. The “Shrink to Grow” strategy - divestiture of non-core assets to focus on higher-growth cloud and AI solutions is a smart move but could impact short-term revenue.

Transactions

During the quarter the Canadian Equity strategy exited positions in Premium Brands Holdings, Open Text and EQB. As a result, we initiated positions in Royal Bank, Pet Valu Holdings and Canadian Imperial Bank of Canada.

The Royal Bank of Canada (RY) is Canada's largest bank, with operations across North America and globally and a workforce of more than 100,000 employees. The bank has a leading position in Canadian retail and commercial banking and multiple levers for organic growth. Its diversified business mix helps cushion earnings through interest-rate and credit cycles, while its scale, strong capital position, and long track record of dividend growth support durable shareholder returns. We expect continued acceleration in core business drivers, execution on key growth initiatives, and a supportive housing backdrop to drive resilient earnings growth and sustain dividend growth.

Premium Brands Holdings (PBH) was sold because of deteriorating dividend growth.

Pet Valu Holdings Ltd. (PET) is Canada’s largest specialty pet retailer, operating an unrivaled network of over 830 stores. With a hybrid model of franchised and corporate stores, Pet Valu maintains a clear runway for growth through new store openings and a long-term goal of 1,200+ locations. Having recently completed a four-year, $100 million capital investment cycle to modernize its national distribution network, the company is now fully equipped to support its next growth chapter with enhanced supply chain efficiencies. We believe this infrastructure, combined with a sticky, large loyalty base, will drive resilient free cash flow and support continued dividend growth.

OpenText (OTEX) was sold because of deteriorating dividend growth. While the company remains a significant player in the information management space, its latest dividend increase in September 2025 was just 4.8%. Despite a recent management change and a shift in strategic priorities to divest slower, non-content-related businesses, we do not anticipate a meaningful acceleration in its dividend payout before next September.

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CM) is Canada's fifth-largest bank, operating within an oligopoly that has consistently compounded shareholder value over decades. The banks in Canada are heavily regulated on both the credit requirements and reserves, with CIBC maintaining a strong 13.4% CET1 ratio that provides a robust buffer against additional regulatory requirements. CIBC offers a distinct investment profile among the Big 6, with a de-risked strategy that focuses primarily on domestic personal and commercial banking. This domestic focus is complemented by a high-quality private wealth franchise and a digital-first expansion that has helped the bank grow profitably. With the highest dividend growth of the peer group over the past two years and a commitment to a 40-50% payout ratio, we believe CIBC is well-positioned to continue delivering reliable dividend growth.

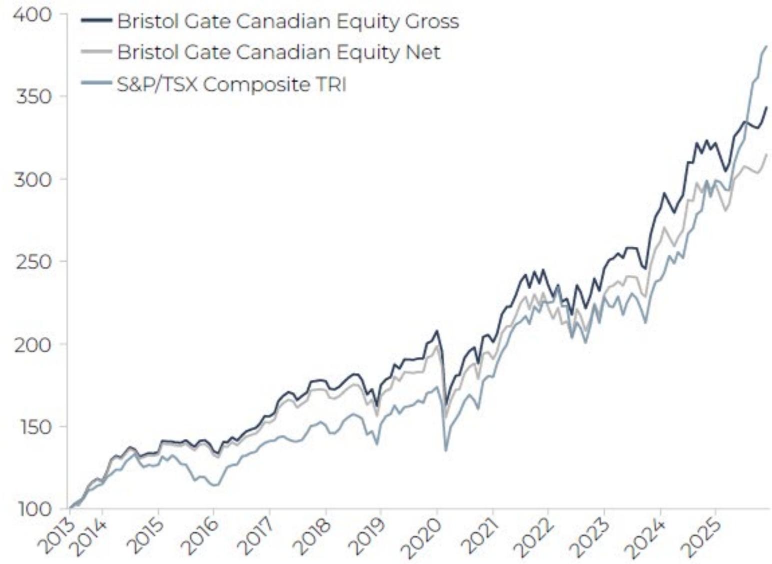
EQB Inc. (EQB) was sold despite its continued high dividend growth because of a deteriorating record on its credit book. While the company has historically offered high dividend growth, recent performance metrics indicate growing concerns regarding credit quality, hurting profitability.

PORTFOLIO CHARACTERISTICS

	Portfolio		Index
	Gross	Net	Gross
Number of Securities	20	20	218
Dividend Yield	1.5%	1.5%	2.2%
TTM Dividend Growth	10.8%	10.8%	5.1%
P/E	23.8	23.8	21.5
Forward P/E	19.3	19.3	18.6
Standard Deviation	11.2%	11.2%	12.0%
Sharpe Ratio	0.48	0.41	0.50
Sortino Ratio	0.92	0.80	0.96
Information Ratio	(0.14)	(0.24)	-
Up Capture	82.9%	80.8%	100%
Down Capture	72.9%	75.1%	100%
Tracking Error	6.68	6.68	-
Portfolio Alpha	0.81	0.11	-
Portfolio Beta	0.85	0.85	-
Active Share	79.2%	79.2%	-

GROWTH OF $100,000 [CAD]

As at December 31, 2025



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PERFORMANCE RESULTS [CAD] - Inception: July 1, 2013

Trailing Returns	1M	3M	YTD	1YR	3YR (Annualized)	5YR (Annualized)	10YR (Annualized)	Since Inception (Annualized)
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Gross	2.8%	3.6%	8.1%	8.1%	14.0%	10.8%	9.5%	10.4%
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Net	2.7%	3.4%	7.4%	7.4%	13.2%	10.1%	8.7%	9.6%
S&P/TSX Composite TRI	1.3%	6.3%	31.7%	31.7%	21.4%	16.1%	12.7%	11.3%

Calendar Returns	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Gross	13.0%	4.3%	12.1%	13.9%	-8.8%	24.3%	1.8%	19.2%	-5.2%	19.4%	14.7%
Bristol Gate Canadian Equity Net	12.2%	3.6%	11.4%	13.1%	-9.4%	23.4%	1.1%	18.4%	-5.9%	18.6%	13.9%
S&P/TSX Composite TRI	10.6%	-8.3%	21.1%	9.1%	-8.9%	22.9%	5.6%	25.1%	-5.8%	11.8%	21.7%

Source: Bristol Gate Capital Partners. There is a risk of loss inherent in any investment; past performance is not indicative of future results. Please see important disclosures at end of document.

Firm Update

2025 saw meaningful growth at Bristol Gate, with six employees hired. In Q2, Clayton Kelly, Portfolio Specialist and Shalini Chirimunj, Operations Analyst joined. In Q3, Mike Windrim joined as a Sales Associate, Jamie Baker joined as a Regional Relationship Manager and Chris Morris, based in New York, joined to lead our US Business Development initiatives. More recently Jason Miller, Portfolio Manager joined the firm. Jason joins with over 15-years of investment management experience, recently serving as a Portfolio Manager Specialist at a large Canadian asset manager.

As we continue to build relationships, prepare for future growth, develop new products and focus on ongoing innovation, these hires represent a commitment to depth, growth and client servicing.

To all our clients, thank you for your ongoing support and trust. We are determined to do everything we can to provide you income growth and strong investment returns into the future.

Sincerely,

The Bristol Gate Team

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iShares Core S&P®/TSX® Capped Composite Index ETF (XIC CN) sourced from Bloomberg has been used as a proxy for the S&P®/TSX® Total Return Index for the purpose of providing some of the non-return-based portfolio statistics and sector weightings in this report. XIC CN is an ETF that seeks long-term capital growth by replicating the performance of the S&P®/TSX® Capped Composite Index, net of expenses.

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