

# Annual Manager's Report on Fund Performance 2010

McLean Budden  
Canadian Equity Growth Fund



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## McLean Budden Canadian Equity Growth Fund for the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

### Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund aims for long-term capital appreciation by investing in Canadian equities that exhibit superior long-term “growth” characteristics. Such holdings will usually comprise at least 80% of the current market value of the Fund’s Canadian component (including income trusts). The Canadian Equity Growth Team looks for well-capitalized companies whose earnings show above average growth potential. When investing in foreign securities, the Fund may invest directly and/or indirectly by purchasing units of other McLean Budden Funds.

### Risk

This Fund holds both Canadian and foreign equities. The primary risks associated with this Fund are market, specific issuer, foreign security and foreign currency risks.

Overall, the portfolio construction process has remained consistent over the year and the manager believes that the risk profile has not changed, nor has the suitability profile been affected.

The manager is not aware of any other Fund changes during the year that have affected the overall level of risk associated with an investment in the Fund.

### Results of Operations

The Fund’s return for the year ended December 31, 2010 was 11.60%\* versus 14.87% for the benchmark\*\*.

The Fund ended the year with a strong absolute return but fell short of its benchmark. Ultimately, stock selection in both the Canadian and global components of the portfolio were the key factors. Strong picks in the energy (Cameco, Talisman), materials (Potash Corp, Agrium) and financials (Manulife Financial) sectors within the Canadian component were not enough to eclipse weak results in the global component over the year. An overweight position in energy companies BP and Transocean detracted from overall performance in the first half of the year. BP was subsequently sold mid-year.

Throughout the year only modest changes were made to the portfolio as three new positions were added while four were eliminated in the Canadian component. Materials sector companies, First Quantum Minerals and Inmet Mining, were added to the portfolio. First Quantum Minerals was purchased when the low-cost, high-quality copper producer experienced issues regarding their operations in the Democratic Republic of Congo that resulted in a pullback in the price of the stock. Inmet Mining was added in the latter half of the year. With three high-grade producing mines and a very large prospective property, the team feels the company has an attractive return potential. Trican Well Service was sold in the third quarter as the company approached our target price after a significant rally.

The slight adjustments made to the portfolio during the year have left it with a modest overweight position in consumer discretionary and materials and underweight position in information technology. The team remains focused on companies that are positioned for growth while enjoying a competitive advantage within their respective industries.

\* The Fund’s return is after the deduction of fees and expenses associated with Class D units. There are no fees deducted from the benchmark’s return. For Class A, C, F and O returns, please refer to the Annual Returns section on page 5.

\*\* The McLean Budden Canadian Equity Growth Fund utilizes the following benchmark: 75% BMO/TSX Comp. CAP 10% + 25% MSCI World (C\$).

### Recent Developments

Canadian equities rallied to new cycle-highs toward the end of 2010. The commodity sector led the way on the back of firming global economic activity, especially in emerging economies where resource demand remains strong. While it appears on the surface that the global economy is in the early stages of an economic expansion, significant regional disparities exist. The U.S. remains saddled with the legacy of excess private debt, a weak housing market, high unemployment and disinflation pressures. As a result, policymakers have again stepped in with fresh monetary and fiscal stimulus. In Europe, fiscal austerity will likely hold back growth while in much of the emerging world, inflation pressures are building. The Canadian economy and market will benefit from any improvement in the U.S. outlook, but could be vulnerable if commodity prices correct due to policy tightening in emerging economies, particularly China. The Bank of Canada kept policy rates unchanged at 1% in the quarter and is expected to remain on hold for some time given low inflation, an overvalued Canadian dollar, high personal debt levels and economic growth which still requires an easy policy setting.

Global equities rallied in the fourth quarter and rose to new cycle-highs. Global economic activity gained momentum, led by a modest improvement in the U.S. economy and ongoing strength in emerging markets. On the surface it appears that the global economy is in the early stages of an economic expansion, however, significant regional disparities exist. In Europe, fiscal austerity will likely hold back growth while in much of the emerging world, inflation pressures are building and policy is tightening. Security, sector and regional selection may re-emerge as an important theme for equities in this environment, even as major world indices grind higher.

#### Related Party Transactions

As Portfolio Advisor, McLean Budden Limited (MBL) carries out research and selects, purchases and sells portfolio securities for the Fund. As Manager, MBL provides or arranges for the provision of all general management and administrative services required by the Fund in its day-to-day operations.

As a result of providing the aforementioned services for the Fund, MBL receives a monthly management fee based on the average net assets of each Class. Effective July 1, 1998, the Manager, at its discretion, has assumed responsibility for payment of all administrative expenses, except for those related to the Independent Review Committee (IRC), and will continue to absorb these expenses until unitholders receive at least 60 days written notice of change.

MBL is a 66.9% owned indirect subsidiary of Sun Life Financial Inc. In compliance with National Instrument 81-107, which came into effect November 1, 2007, MBL has appointed an IRC to review and possibly make recommendations regarding all conflict of interest matters brought to it by MBL including, but not limited to, holdings of Sun Life. Each year, the IRC will provide a report, free of charge, to unitholders. The reports can be obtained by contacting MBL at (416) 862-9800 and will be posted at [www.mcleanbudden.com](http://www.mcleanbudden.com).

The Fund may invest in securities of other McLean Budden Mutual Funds. Currently, the Fund owns Class O units of the McLean Budden American Equity Fund, the McLean Budden International Equity Fund and the McLean Budden Global Equity Fund.

#### Management Fees

The following table shows the Fund's annual management fee and trailer fee rates. The management fee for each class is an annualized management fee calculated based on the Net Asset Value of that class. The management fee is accrued daily and paid out at month-end. HST is payable on all management fees.

McLean Budden pays trailer fees to authorized distributors and dealers of Class A and D units. Trailer fees are calculated as a percentage of the average daily value of the fund. McLean Budden pays these fees quarterly to the distributors and dealers out of the management fees. For the period ended December 31, 2010, McLean Budden paid 12.89% of the total management fee revenues received from all McLean Budden Mutual Funds that were used to fund distribution related costs paid to registered dealers and brokers.

	Annually				
	Class A	Class C	Class D	Class F	Class O
Management Fee (%)	1.95	0.05	1.25	1.00	0.00
Trailer Fee (%)	1.00	N/A	0.25	N/A	N/A

For services as Manager, MBL receives an annual management fee for Class D units of 1.25%, that is not to exceed a maximum of up to 2%, excluding taxes, of the average Net Asset Value of the Fund:

Management fee	1.25%
As a percentage of Management Fee:	
Trailer Fees	20%
Investment Management and Administration	80%

This actual fee will remain in effect until unitholders receive at least 60 days written notice of an increase.

A management fee of 1.95%, excluding taxes, was payable by each Class A unitholder. Your advisor may charge you a separate fee in addition to the Management Fee.

A management fee of 0.05%, excluding taxes, was payable by each Class C unitholder. In addition, holders of Class C units or an intermediary pay a management fee of up to a maximum of 1.50% payable directly to the Manager.

A management fee of 1.00%, excluding taxes, was payable by each Class F unitholder. Your advisor will charge you a separate fee in addition to the Management Fee.

There is no management fee applicable to Class O units. You will pay the manager directly if you hold this class of units.

The Fund is responsible for its management fee, the cost of investments and related brokerage fees and for any borrowing costs, bank charges, taxes and administrative expenses. Effective July 1, 1998, the Manager has assumed responsibility for payment of all administrative expenses of the Funds. These expenses include the cost of complying with regulatory requirements, the fees or expenses charged to the Manager for calculation of Net Asset Value, the fees of the Trustee, custodian, auditors and legal counsel and other administrative costs arising in the ordinary course of the operation of the Fund. The Manager will continue to assume responsibility for the payment of the administrative expenses until unitholders receive at least 60 days written notice of a change.

## Financial Highlights

For the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

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, or for the period since inception.

### The Fund's Net Assets Per Unit (\$)¹

		Net assets, beginning of year²	Increase (Decrease) from Operations				Distributions				Net assets, at end of year shown	
			Total revenue	Total expenses	Realized gains (losses) for the year	Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	Total increase (decrease) from operations²	From income excluding dividends	From dividends	From capital gains		Total annual distribution³
Class A¹¹¹¹	Dec 2010	34.53	0.77	(0.73)	3.08	4.76	7.88	–	0.36	–	0.36	37.94
	Dec 2009	26.17	0.91	(0.55)	0.86	4.56	5.78	0.01	0.65	–	0.66	34.53
Class C	Dec 2010	34.62	0.66	(0.03)	2.24	1.58	4.45	–	0.68	–	0.68	38.49
	Dec 2009	26.55	0.74	(0.03)	(0.32)	8.54	8.93	0.01	0.75	–	0.76	34.62
	Dec 2008	41.39	0.82	0.01	(0.52)	(14.10)	(13.79)	0.17	0.68	–	0.85	26.55
	Dec 2007⁴	40.59	1.00	(0.03)	4.40	(6.87)	(1.50)	0.02	0.67	1.11	1.80	41.39
	Dec 2006	34.17	0.53	(0.01)	1.84	4.66	7.02	–	0.50	–	0.50	40.61
Class D¹¹¹¹	Dec 2010	34.62	0.65	(0.48)	2.18	1.41	3.76	–	0.20	–	0.20	38.46
	Dec 2009	26.58	0.70	(0.42)	(0.40)	8.38	8.26	0.01	0.36	–	0.37	34.62
	Dec 2008	41.20	0.78	(0.39)	(0.42)	(14.23)	(14.26)	0.08	0.31	–	0.39	26.58
	Dec 2007⁴	40.39	0.67	(0.44)	5.21	(3.22)	2.22	0.01	0.25	1.11	1.37	41.20
	Dec 2006	33.98	0.51	(0.36)	1.80	4.46	6.41	–	0.13	–	0.13	40.41
Class F¹	Dec 2010	33.87	0.66	(0.38)	2.23	1.52	4.03	–	0.34	–	0.34	37.59
	Dec 2009	25.88	0.61	(0.33)	(0.67)	10.40	10.01	0.01	0.27	–	0.28	33.87
	Dec 2008	38.68	1.82	(0.43)	(8.04)	8.44	1.79	0.16	0.62	–	0.78	25.88
Class O¹¹	Dec 2010	34.64	0.59	–	2.34	1.75	4.68	–	0.70	–	0.70	38.58
	Dec 2009	26.60	0.60	–	(0.60)	8.98	8.98	0.01	0.77	–	0.78	34.64
	Dec 2008	27.75	–	–	(1.00)	0.50	(0.50)	0.17	0.65	–	0.82	26.60

¹ This information is derived from the Fund's audited annual financial statements. The net assets per unit presented in the financial statements differs from the Net Asset Value calculated for fund pricing purposes. (An explanation of these differences can be found in the notes to the financial statements.)

² Net assets 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 period. The above calculations include combined actual and average data; therefore, the table will not total accordingly.

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

⁴ Net assets beginning of the year were adjusted to reflect changes in Canadian GAAP.

### Ratios and Supplemental Data

		Total Net Asset Value (\$)	Net Asset Value per Unit (\$)	Number of units outstanding²	Management Expense Ratio (MER) (%)³	Management Expense Ratio Before Absorption (MER) (%)³	Portfolio turnover rate (%)⁴	Trading expense ratio (%)⁵
		¹	¹	²	³	³	⁴	⁵
Class A¹¹¹¹	Dec 2010	303,994	37.98	8,004	2.05	2.05	16	0.06
	Dec 2009	5,318	34.59	154	1.99	1.99	24	0.08
Class C	Dec 2010	46,003,139	38.53	1,193,935	0.05	0.05	16	0.06
	Dec 2009	42,324,272	34.68	1,220,350	0.05	0.05	24	0.08
	Dec 2008	23,980,988	26.58	902,154	0.28	0.40	24	0.07
	Dec 2007	33,145,569	41.42	800,319	0.36	0.36	20	0.06
	Dec 2006	8,578,642	40.61	211,245	0.34	0.34	21	0.07
Class D¹¹¹¹	Dec 2010	29,064,667	38.50	754,919	1.35	1.35	16	0.06
	Dec 2009	29,992,932	34.68	864,869	1.31	1.31	24	0.08
	Dec 2008	22,735,254	26.62	854,185	1.37	1.37	24	0.07
	Dec 2007	39,107,103	41.23	948,588	1.32	1.32	20	0.06
	Dec 2006	38,564,554	40.41	954,268	1.30	1.30	21	0.07
Class F¹	Dec 2010	630,516	37.63	16,754	1.08	1.08	16	0.06
	Dec 2009	614,960	33.93	18,123	1.05	1.05	24	0.08
	Dec 2008	1,163,435	25.91	44,895	1.37	1.37	24	0.07
Class O¹¹	Dec 2010	66	38.63	2	–	–	16	0.06
	Dec 2009	59	34.70	2	–	–	24	0.08
	Dec 2008	44	26.63	2	–	–	24	0.07

¹ The information is provided at December 31 of the year shown, as applicable and represents the NAV.

² The information is provided at December 31 of the year shown, as applicable.

³ Management expense ratio is based on total expenses for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period, plus HST.

⁴ The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's portfolio adviser manages 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.

⁵ The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transactions costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average Net Asset Value during the period.

¹ The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class F was created on February 13, 2008.

¹¹¹ Prior to April 1, 2009, the Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class D was known as Class A.

¹¹ The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class O was created on November 28, 2008.

¹¹¹¹ The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class AA was created on April 1, 2009 and renamed Class A on March 26, 2010.

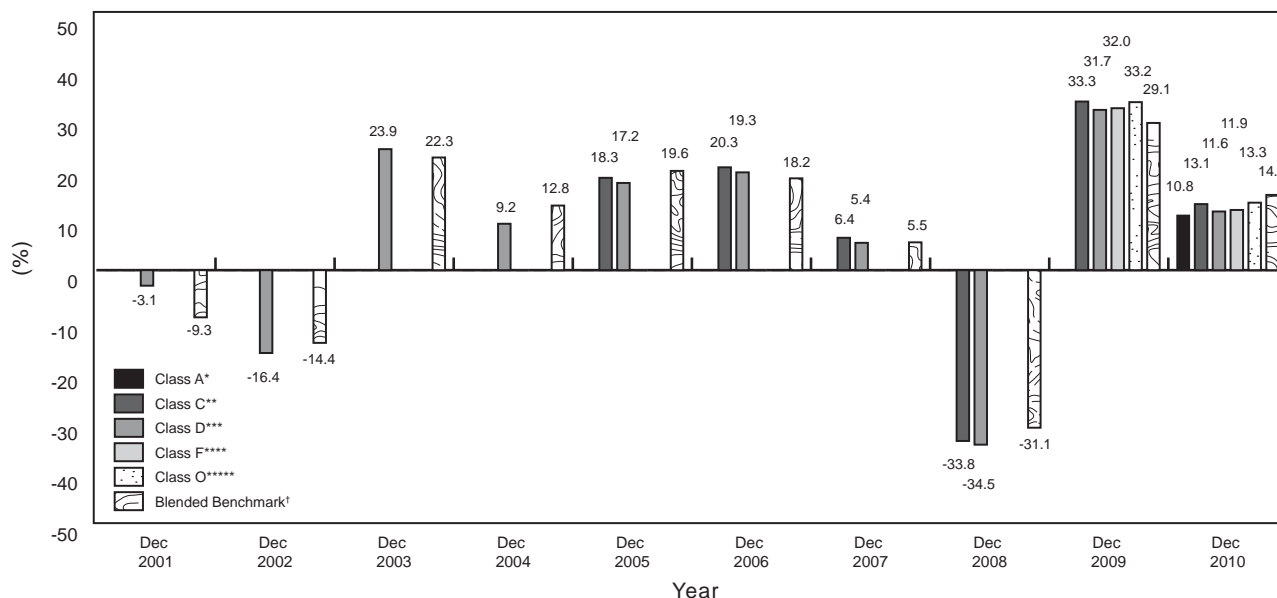
## Past Performance

For the year ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

The performance information shown below assumes that all distributions made by the investment fund in the periods shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund. The performance information does not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional charges (which distributors other than McLean Budden may charge) that would have reduced returns or performance. How the investment fund has performed in the past does not necessarily indicate how it will perform in the future.

## Year-by-Year Returns (%)

The bar chart below shows the annual performance of each class of the Fund for each of the years shown, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The chart below shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment made on the first day of each financial year would have increased or decreased as at the last day of each financial year.



\* The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class AA was created on April 1, 2009 and renamed Class A on March 26, 2010. \*\* The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class C was created on April 1, 2004. \*\*\* Prior to April 1, 2009, the Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class D was known as Class A. \*\*\*\* The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class F was created on February 13, 2008. \*\*\*\*\* The Canadian Equity Growth Fund Class O was created on November 28, 2008.

## Annual Compound Returns (%)

The following table shows for each class of units of the Fund, the annual compound total return for the period ending December 31.

	Annual Compound Returns					Blended Benchmark†	BMO/TSX CAP 10% Index††	Start Date
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	Since Inception	Since Inception	Since Inception	
Class A*	10.85	-	-	-	25.75	28.08	31.78	April 1, 2009
Class C**	13.06	-0.05	5.03	-	7.24	7.60	9.60	April 1, 2004
Class D***	11.60	-1.26	3.90	4.53	8.28	8.87	9.62	July 15, 1988
Class F****	11.90	-	-	-	0.65	1.95	2.74	February 13, 2008
Class O*****	13.34	-	-	-	21.23	19.99	23.28	November 28, 2008
Blended Benchmark†	14.87	0.70	4.94	5.01				
BMO/TSX Cap 10% Index††	17.61	2.09	6.51	7.04				
MSCI World Index	6.76	-4.08	-0.23	-1.32				

† The McLean Budden Canadian Equity Growth Fund has been compared to a blended benchmark of 75% BMO/TSX Composite CAP 10% Index and 25% Morgan Stanley Capital International World Index. The BMO/TSX Composite CAP 10% Index is a broad sector, market value weighted index where the constituents are made up of the largest Canadian companies to provide an indication as to the performance of Canadian equities but limits any one company to being weighted no more than 10% of the index. The Morgan Stanley Capital International World Index is a broad sector, market value weighted index of approximately 1,600 companies from 23 countries to represent the performance of equity markets in developed countries as determined by Morgan Stanley Capital International.

†† The BMO/TSX Cap 10% Index is a broad sector, market value weighted index where the constituents are made up of the largest Canadian companies to provide an indication as to the performance of Canadian equities, but limits any one company to being weighted no more than 10% of the index.

## Manager's Discussion

Each mutual fund class has a different management fee which explains the differing returns of each class of a given Fund. The management fee schedule by class can be found on page 3 of this report. A discussion of the Performance of the Fund compared to the Benchmark is found in the Results of Operations section of this report.

Summary of Investment Portfolio

As at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

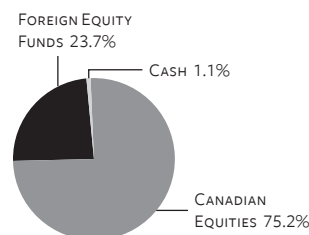
Top Twenty-Five Positions

Security	% of Total Net Assets
McLean Budden Global Equity Class O	10.1
McLean Budden American Equity Class O	8.2
McLean Budden International Equity Class O	6.4
Suncor Energy Inc	5.4
Royal Bank of Canada	5.1
Research In Motion Ltd	5.0
Toronto Dominion Bank	5.0
Teck Resources Ltd	4.4
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	3.7
Bank of Nova Scotia	3.3
Cameco Corporation	3.3
Talisman Energy Inc	3.2
Magna International Inc	3.0
Cenovus Energy Inc	2.8
Bombardier Inc	2.7
Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan Inc	2.6
Manulife Financial Corporation	2.5
Brookfield Asset Management	2.3
Thomson Reuters Corporation	1.9
Shoppers Drug Mart Corporation	1.9
EnCana Corporation	1.8
Canadian National Railway Company	1.8
Agrium Inc	1.6
Open Text Corporation	1.4
Gildan Activewear Inc	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.8</b>

Industry Classification	% of Total Net Assets
Energy	20.6
Materials	11.2
Industrials	5.3
Consumer Discretionary	8.9
Consumer Staples	1.9
Financials	19.0
Information Technology	6.5
Telecommunication Services	1.0
Utilities	0.7
Mutual Funds (Foreign Property)	24.7

More information about the underlying fund investments is available in the simplified prospectus and financial statements, which can be accessed on the internet at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) or [www.mcleanbudden.com](http://www.mcleanbudden.com).

Asset Mix\* (%)



\*The Asset Mix composition chart is based on the individual holdings of the McLean Budden Canadian Equity Growth Fund as well as those of the various McLean Budden Funds in which it invests.

Other Material Information

The Portfolio does not contain any short positions. The investment portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the investment fund. An updated listing is available on a quarterly basis.

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#### Future Accounting Policy Changes

The Canadian Accounting Standards Board approved a deferral from International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) adoption for investment companies applying Accounting Guideline AcG-18, *Investment Companies*. Investment companies will be required to mandatorily adopt IFRS for interim and annual financial statements relating to annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013.

The key elements of the changeover plan deal with the requirements for financial reporting, Net Asset Value per share calculations, systems and processes, and training. The plan also sets out the timeline for implementation of the changes and the required technical training or other support required for a smooth transition.

As at December 31, 2010, some anticipated changes to financial reporting include:

- Compliance with the full body of IFRS without industry specific exemptions, unlike Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles where investment fund accounting was based upon guidance in Accounting Guideline 18 – Investment Companies (“AcG-18”);
- Without exemption under AcG-18, a Fund must consolidate all controlling entities, or be consolidated with the entity which controls it;
- Changes to the presentation of shareholder equity to consider puttable instruments;
- Presentation of comparative information; and
- Additional financial statement note disclosures on the recognition and classification of financial instruments.

Due to anticipated changes in IFRS prior to the transition to IFRS, the Manager cannot conclusively determine the full impact of the transition to IFRS on the Fund's financial results at this time. Based on the Manager's current understanding and analysis of IFRS as compared to the current accounting policies under Canadian GAAP, the Manager does not anticipate that the transition to IFRS will have a material impact on the Fund's Net Assets per share, nor systems and processes, and it is expected that it will mainly result in additional note disclosure in the financial statements. Implementation of the changeover plan is progressing as scheduled. The Manager will continue to monitor ongoing changes to IFRS and adjust the changeover plan accordingly.

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