## Three reasons to protect against currency risk

## Fidelity's currency neutral offerings help reduce currency risk.

Protecting your portfolio against adverse currency movements is an important part of investing. Here are three reasons you may want to protect against an appreciating Canadian dollar or falling foreign currencies.

## **REASON NO. 1**

# The Canadian dollar has a history of volatility vs. the U.S. dollar.

The Canadian dollar's appreciation vs. the U.S. dollar has a negative impact on U.S. dollar-denominated investments. The long and volatile history of the two currencies shows how U.S. investments are exposed to currency risk.<sup>1</sup>



Source: U.S. Federal Reserve, Datastream. As at December 31, 2020. This chart is used solely to represent the historical volatility of the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar.

## **REASON NO. 2**

## Volatility in foreign currency can have a significant negative impact on short-term portfolio returns.

For example, short-term currency volatility between the Canadian and U.S. dollar can be extreme, and the effects may have severe implications for investors. Those with shorter-term investment horizons, like investors in or near retirement, may be especially sensitive to these effects.<sup>1</sup>



## Source: FactSet; Fidelity Investments Canada ULC.

## **REASON NO. 3**

# Making successful currency bets can be difficult to do well over the long-term.

Forecasting exchange rates is difficult to do with consistency over time and getting it wrong can have a negative impact on portfolio returns. Fidelity has designed Systematic Currency Hedging strategies to mitigate this risk, with the potential to capitalize on expected changes in the USD-CAD exchange rate.<sup>2</sup>

#### FACTORS INFLUENCING CURRENCY VALUE ARE DIFFICULT TO PREDICT Money supply **INFLATION** Unemployment Prices Wage rate Payroll Other currency Currency account **ECONOMIC** values **CURRENCY INTERES STABILITY** VALUE RATES Exports Nationalization Imports Protectionism Balance of trade **POLITICAL** Deficit Confidence

Source: Fidelity Investments Canada ULC.

- 1 These charts are used solely to illustrate the historical volatility of the Canadian dollar versus the U.S. dollar.
- 2 Please visit fidelity.ca for more information about Fidelity's Systematic Currency Hedged strategies.

## Currency neutral options from Fidelity<sup>3</sup>

## Currency neutrality helps shift the focus to Fidelity's strength - security selection.

Fidelity offers currency neutral investment options for investors who want to reduce currency risk. Fidelity uses a passive currency overlay that hedges developed market foreign currencies back to the Canadian dollar, allowing Fidelity to focus on what it does best – adding value through security selection.<sup>2</sup>

## **EQUITY MUTUAL FUNDS**

Fidelity American Disciplined Equity® Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity American Equity Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity CanAm Opportunities Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Founders® Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Global Concentrated Equity Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Global Disciplined Equity® Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Global Growth and Value Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Global Innovators Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Global Intrinsic Value Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Global Large Cap Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Insights Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity International Concentrated Equity Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity International Disciplined Equity® Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Long-Term Leaders Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity NorthStar® Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity Small Cap America Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity U.S. All Cap Currency Neutral Class

Fidelity U.S. Dividend Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity U.S. Focused Stock Currency Neutral Class

## **ASSET ALLOCATION AND BALANCED MUTUAL FUNDS**

Fidelity American Balanced Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Global Monthly Income Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Northstar® Balanced Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Tactical High Income Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity U.S. Monthly Income Currency Neutral Fund

### FIXED-INCOME MUTUAL FUNDS

Fidelity American High Yield Currency Neutral Fund Fidelity Floating Rate High Income Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Global Bond Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Investment Grade Total Bond Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Multi-Sector Bond Currency Neutral Fund

Fidelity Strategic Income Currency Neutral Fund

## PRIVATE INVESTMENT POOLS

Fidelity Asset Allocation Currency Neutral Private Pool

Fidelity Balanced Currency Neutral Private Pool

Fidelity Balanced Income Currency Neutral Private Pool

Fidelity Global Asset Allocation Currency Neutral Private Pool

Fidelity Global Equity Currency Neutral Private Pool

Fidelity International Equity Currency Neutral Private Pool

Fidelity U.S. Equity Currency Neutral Private Pool

## ETFS (ALSO AVAILABLE AS MUTUAL FUNDS)

Fidelity Global Core Plus Bond ETF

Fidelity Global Investment Grade Bond ETF

Fidelity Systematic U.S. High Yield Bond Currency Neutral ETF

Fidelity U.S. Dividend for Rising Rates Currency Neutral Index ETF

Fidelity U.S. High Dividend Currency Neutral Index ETF

Fidelity U.S. High Quality Currency Neutral Index ETF

Fidelity U.S. Low Volatility Currency Neutral Index ETF

The following ETFs are not available as Mutual Funds: Fidelity U.S. Momentum Currency Neutral Index ETF, Fidelity U.S. Value Currency Neutral Index ETF.

# For more information about Fidelity's currency neutral solutions, talk to your financial advisor or visit **fidelity.ca**









3 The Funds do not hedge emerging market currency exposure.

Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees, brokerage fees and expenses may be associated with investments in mutual funds and ETFs. Please read the mutual fund or ETF's prospectus, which contains detailed investment information, before investing. Mutual funds and ETFs are not guaranteed. Their values change frequently, and investors may experience a gain or a loss. Past performance may not be repeated.

A fund's volatility is determined using a statistical measure called "standard deviation". Standard deviation is a statistical measure of how much a return varies over an extended period of time. The more variable the returns, the larger the standard deviation. Investors may examine historical standard deviation in conjunction with historical returns to decide whether an investment's volatility would have been acceptable given the returns it would have produced. A higher standard deviation indicates a wider dispersion of past returns and thus greater historical volatility. Standard deviation does not indicate how an investment actually performed, but it does indicate the volatility of its returns over time. Standard deviation is annualized. The returns used for this calculation are not load-adjusted. Standard deviation does not predict the future volatility of a fund.

Currency neutrals funds use derivatives to mitigate the fund's exposure to changes in exchange rates between developed market currencies and the Canadian dollar. The investment approach used by the funds, while effective in reducing exchange rate risk, will not completely eliminate the impact of currency fluctuations. The funds' returns will differ from the local currency returns of its underlying funds.



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