

John Graham

Hi, I'm John Graham.

I've been hearing from many Canadians that it's been another challenging year.

Higher prices, interest rates, as well as far-reaching global conflicts have undoubtedly touched us all

– our friends, our families, and our communities.

One thing I've seen is the resilience of many of you.

Whether you've recently chosen Canada as your new home,

or your roots here stretch back generations,

the strength and warmth of the people in this country are what makes us all Canadian.

Our country's national pension promise is also what makes Canada strong.

Twenty-five years ago, CPP Investments received its first transfer of \$12 million dollars and began investing the CPP Fund in capital markets.

The goal was clear - increase the long-term value of the fund for future generations.

I'd like to read a short excerpt from our very first annual report...25 years ago:

“Our goal is to increase the value of CPP assets to help to cover the cost of future pensions, recognizing that the CPP pension is the basic retirement income for many people.

The focus is long term to ensure the best returns possible are obtained for Canadians...”

Today, I am pleased to report that since that original 12 million dollar transfer, the CPP Fund has grown to over \$600 Billion dollars.

About \$400 Billion of that is the result of the work we do, in the form of net investment income after all costs.

We're proud that the CPP Fund has become one of THE MOST widely respected funds in the world.



You can be confident that the CPP will be there to support your financial security in retirement.

Today, and for generations to come.

This year, the Fund has delivered solid performance.

Let's take a closer look.

Narrator

This year the CPP Fund reached \$632.3 billion in net assets,

an increase of \$62.3 billion over the previous year.

Ten-year net return were 9.2% and our 1-year was 8% net of all costs.

We earned \$46.4 billion in net income this year

with positive contributions from all investment departments.

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Our solid performance this year reflects the strength of our long-term strategy, and the quality of our investment portfolio.

We invest across several asset classes and geographies to generate steady returns

and remain resilient in the face of wide-ranging market and economic conditions.

We hold investments in public and private equities, fixed income, credit, infrastructure,

and real estate in more than 55 countries around the world

and \$74 billion invested right here in Canada.

Here are some of the investments we made this year.



Narrator

With a global demand for reliable energy,
we agreed to merge our 49% stake in Aera Energy
with California Resources Corporation, to create a leader in
energy transition for the state's increasing energy needs.

We also committed to invest C\$197 million in financing
to support CapVest Partners in its acquisition of Recochem,
a Canadian global manufacturer and distributor
of household products.

We made our first investment in Italian digital infrastructure,
investing \$2.9 billion in Italy's Netco, the country's largest telecoms network.

We leveraged our deep experience in global infrastructure projects
with investments in 29 infrastructure projects
including toll roads, digital infrastructure, and utilities around the world.

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I'm excited about the future.

The portfolio is well-positioned to deliver strong performance in the year ahead
and for decades to come.

We see huge opportunities!



And we've built the team to capture them.

Because we're not just investing for today.

We're investing for the next 25 years, and beyond.

Thank you for your trust.