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TXF — CI Tech Giants Covered Call ETF

A Diversified, Unlevered Big-Tech Covered-Call Fund With a Strong Multi-Year Track Record

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VERDICT	
BUY FOR GROWTH + INCOME BLEND	TXF holds an equal-weighted basket of at least 25 of the largest North American technology companies, without leverage, and writes covered calls to generate income while preserving broad participation in tech-sector gains. A strong recent one-year total return of 46.45% alongside a high-single-digit trailing yield makes it one of the better risk-adjusted performers in this comparison set.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

TXF (CI Tech Giants Covered Call ETF, managed by CI Global Asset Management, a subsidiary of CI Financial Corp.) holds an equal-weighted portfolio of at least 25 of the largest North American technology companies by market capitalization — a genuinely broad basket spanning chipmakers, software, communications equipment, and internet companies, including holdings like Intel, AMD, Micron, Qualcomm, Palo Alto Networks, Oracle, and Broadcom. It applies covered call writing across the portfolio for income, without any structural leverage.

TXF has delivered strong recent results: a 25.47% year-to-date total return and a 46.45% one-year total return as at mid-2026, alongside a trailing yield around 8.76% at a moderate 0.71% MER. The fund notably outperformed the S&P/TSX 60 by roughly 32 percentage points in 2023, a period when its covered-call structure helped cushion volatility while the underlying tech basket still participated strongly in the sector's recovery.

FUND SNAPSHOT

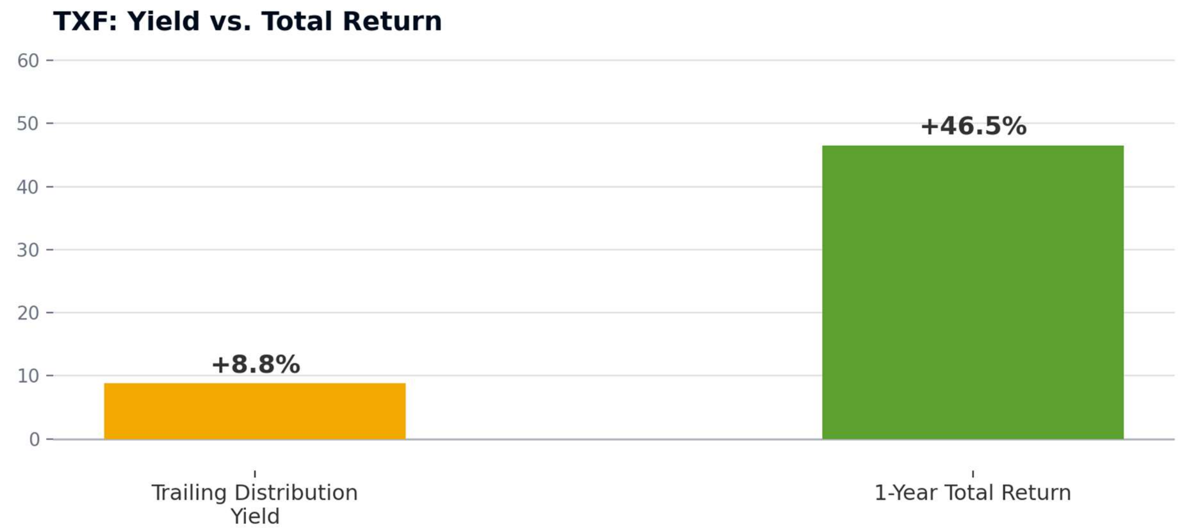
FIELD	DETAIL	FIELD	DETAIL
Ticker	TXF (and TXF.B, CAD-hedged) — Toronto Stock Exchange	**Issuer**	CI Global Asset Management
Inception Date	March 3, 2022	**Holdings**	~29 of the largest North American tech cos.
Management Fee (MER)	~0.71%	**Distribution Freq.**	Monthly (cash)
Leverage	None	**Assets Under Mgmt.**	~$840–844M CAD
Trailing Yield	~8.76%	**1-Year Total Return**	+46.45%
3-Year Return (annualized)	~30.28%	**Registered Accounts**	TFSA, RRSP, RRIF, FHSA, RESP

Source: Yahoo Finance, CI Global Asset Management (funds.cifinancial.com), stockanalysis.com, as at July 2026.

HOW IT'S BUILT

TXF's mandate requires holding at least the 25 largest North American technology companies by market capitalization, equally weighted rather than market-cap weighted — meaningfully reducing concentration in any single mega-cap name relative to a cap-weighted tech index. CI's covered-call program then writes options across the portfolio to generate the fund's monthly cash distribution, without any borrowed leverage.

The combination of broad diversification (roughly 29 current holdings), no leverage, and a moderate 0.71% MER gives TXF one of the more straightforward, easier-to-underwrite risk profiles among the technology-focused income funds in this comparison set.



TXF trailing distribution yield vs. one-year total return, as at mid-2026. TXF outperformed the S&P/TSX 60 by approximately 32 percentage points in 2023.

THE BULL CASE

- Broad diversification within tech. At least 25 (currently ~29) equally-weighted large tech names is meaningfully more diversified than top-10-concentrated alternatives, reducing single-stock risk.
- No leverage. TXF's returns and risk are tied directly to its underlying holdings and option-writing program, without an amplification factor.
- Strong, multi-year track record. A 46.45% one-year and ~30.28% three-year annualized return, including a period of outperforming the S&P/TSX 60 by 32 points in 2023, is a genuinely strong result.
- Moderate MER (0.71%) relative to more complex fund-of-funds or leveraged alternatives in the technology income space.

KEY RISKS & CONSIDERATIONS

- Technology-sector concentration. Despite internal diversification across ~29 names, the entire fund remains exposed to a single sector; a broad tech correction or AI-spending slowdown affects the whole portfolio.
- Covered calls cap upside. As with any covered-call fund, TXF will lag a simple buy-and-hold technology index during the sharpest rally months, in exchange for the enhanced monthly income.

- Yield figures vary meaningfully by data source and date (some sources cite yields as high as 16–17%, others closer to 8–9%) — investors should confirm the current, most representative yield directly with CI before investing.
- Interest-rate sensitivity. Technology valuations and option premiums are both sensitive to interest-rate moves, which can compress both capital appreciation and income generation simultaneously.
- Distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to change based on option income and market volatility.

WHO IT'S FOR

TXF suits investors who want diversified, unlevered exposure to large North American technology companies with a supplementary income stream, and who are comfortable with sector concentration in exchange for that diversification and a moderate fee. Its combination of breadth, no leverage, and a strong multi-year track record makes it one of the more balanced technology income options in this comparison set.

FINAL VERDICT

VERDICT **BUY FOR GROWTH + INCOME BLEND**	TXF combines genuine diversification across roughly 29 large technology companies, no structural leverage, a moderate fee, and a strong multi-year total-return track record — a favourable combination among the technology-focused funds in this comparison group. The primary risk is sector concentration rather than fund-specific structural risk, making it a reasonable choice for investors who want technology exposure with an income overlay rather than pure growth.