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## **AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund marks 20 years of superior returns**

Strategic 20-year manager tenure delivers distinguished track record

TORONTO, March 6 /CNW/ - AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund and its portfolio manager Connor, Clark & Lunn (CC&L) are celebrating a rare feat in Canada's investment history - 20 years of delivering superior returns to investors under the same manager. CC&L and AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund are one of only a handful of Canadian equity funds that offer investors this kind of track record.

AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund has grown to more than \$3 billion in assets under management, with an average annual return of 10.6 per cent since its inception twenty years ago. A model of consistency, the Fund has delivered positive returns in 17 out of 20 calendar years with less risk than 60 per cent of its Canadian equity mutual fund competition. AGF re-introduced a targeted 1.5 per cent annual distribution in 2005, giving investors the added benefit of cash flow from this core holding.

"There are few funds in the Canadian marketplace with a more committed team and distinguished track record of performance," said Martin Hubbes, Chief Investment Officer, AGF Funds Inc. "As one of the top 50 funds in Canada by size, the fund has clearly attracted the confidence of advisors and investors who value sound, consistent returns from veteran managers."

Gord MacDougall, Portfolio Manager, Director and Partner, CC&L, has managed the AGF Canadian Large Cap Dividend Fund since its inception in 1985. Using CC&L's proprietary Capital Markets Checklist and a blend of top-down and bottom-up analysis, Mr. MacDougall's team, including Martin Gerber and Alastair Dunn, has led the fund to solid first or second quartile returns over all major periods - one, three, five, 10 and 20 years - as at January 31, 2006.

Connor, Clark & Lunn Investment Management Ltd is a privately owned investment management firm that manages more than \$20 billion for Canadian and international clients from its Toronto and Vancouver offices. Its stable team, disciplined investing, and eye to preserving capital has earned the firm one of the strongest reputations in the industry.

AGF is one of Canada's premier investment management companies with offices across Canada and subsidiaries around the world. With approximately \$37 billion in total assets under management, AGF serves more than one million investors with offerings across the wealth continuum. AGF's products and services include a diversified family of over 50 mutual funds, AGF Harmony tailored investment program, the evolutionary AGF Elements portfolios, AGF Private Investment Management and AGF Trust GICs, loans and mortgages.

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