

Quarterly fund performance update

As of December 31, 2025

Fund highlights

Below is information on what specifically affected the performance of each fund, and how the Portfolio Manager is positioning the fund going forward.

Contributors (factors that helped performance)	Detractors (factors that hindered performance)	Positioning at quarter end	Outlook
Scotia Money Market Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As of December 31, 2025, the Fund delivered a gross yield of 3.91% and a three-month return of 0.87%. ✓ The Fund's performance in the fourth quarter was enhanced by the Fund's barbell strategy which added to performance as the money market curve flattened. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund's target average term was maintained at 60-80 days, which is higher than the benchmark. ✓ The Fund's yield was higher than the benchmark and the yield decreased relative to the third quarter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Earnings and revenue experienced healthy growth this quarter, while credit metrics remained stable. Macro-economic issues we are monitoring include the potential impact of a new U.S. tariff regime on trade, inflation, and real GDP. ✓ We expect to continue to maintain an average term marginally greater than the benchmark while still ensuring liquidity and facilitating reinvestment and will remain focused on maintaining higher credit quality given the potential for economic weakness.
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund returned 0.66% for the three months ended December 31, 2025, in line with the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. ✓ Relative to the benchmark, the Fund maintained overweight positions in corporate and emerging market bonds and underweight in Treasuries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Effective duration which reflects the sensitivity to interest rates or yield above government bond fluctuation are higher for the portfolio at 6.22 years in relation to 5.79 years for the benchmark. ✓ In this environment, we prefer to distribute risk in a more balanced manner across duration and credit. Consistent with our central outlook, we continue to hold modest overweight positions in higher-quality credit sectors, including investment-grade corporates and select high-quality securitized assets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The outlook for 2026 is cautiously optimistic, though risks are skewed to the downside. We expect rate cuts to be front-loaded in 2026 as labor market remains weak. ✓ In our view, the US economy faces a binary path: either re-accelerating as technology-driven productivity gains take hold or slipping into recession if labour market softness begins to weigh more broadly on economic activity.

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Scotia Global Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 2.74% for 1 month and 3.93% for the 3 months ending December 31, 2025, outperforming its benchmark MSCI ACWI index which returned 3.37%. ✓ Security selection in Materials and Information Technology contributed to fund performance. ✓ The securities that contributed the most to quarterly Fund returns were Alphabet, NEC, Samsung Electronics and Sampo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Detractors included security selection in Industrials. ✓ Notable individual securities that underperformed included Booz Allen Hamilton, Techtronic Industries and United Health Inc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund is actively managed with a core style and will generally invest in between 30 and 50 companies in both developed and emerging markets. It invests in high quality, well managed businesses with sustainable competitive advantages, strong balance sheets and a solid track record of value creation. ✓ The portfolio manager has a disciplined investment process that is based on fundamental analysis and a longer-term perspective to provide upside participation and downside protection compared to the Fund's benchmark. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As we enter 2026, the investment landscape presents a compelling mix of opportunities and complexities. Global equities are well-positioned for continued gains, supported by resilient corporate earnings, moderating inflation, and broadly accommodative central bank policy. ✓ Leadership is evolving beyond the narrow AI-driven concentration of recent years, with strength broadening across sectors and geographies – particularly in international markets and select emerging economies. ✓ While inflation remains stubbornly high in some countries, it has fallen materially from previous highs and rising unemployment supports a bias towards lowering rates by policymakers.
Scotia US Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 0.21% for the 3 months ending December 31, 2025, underperforming its benchmark S&P 500 Index, which returned 2.66%. ✓ Security selection in Materials and Energy contributed to fund performance. ✓ The securities that contributed the most to quarterly Fund returns were Alphabet, Oracle, Southern Copper, TE Connectivity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Detractors included underweight in Information Technology and security selection in healthcare. ✓ Individual securities that underperformed included Booz Allen Hamilton, UnitedHealth, Ashland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund is actively managed with a core style and a focus on investing in companies with a history of regular dividend payments. ✓ It invests in high quality, well managed businesses with sustainable competitive advantages, strong balance sheets and consistent excess cash flow. ✓ The portfolio manager has a disciplined investment process that is based on fundamental analysis and a longer-term perspective to provide upside participation and downside protection compared to the Fund's benchmark. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We have seen investors' enthusiasm for U.S. mega-cap leaders pushing valuations to increasingly demanding levels. ✓ The S&P500 has effectively evolved into a concentrated, tech-heavy growth index with other sectors playing a shrinking role, there is little justification to further increase concentration risk at this stage.

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Scotia Canadian Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 3.53% for the 3 months ending December 31, 2025. ✓ The Fund's selection of securities in Real Estate sector contributed to returns. ✓ The Fund's largest individual holdings that were contributors to quarterly returns were Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto-Dominion Bank and Power Corp of Canada. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund's selection of Industrials sector and underweight in Energy sector was the largest detractor from returns. ✓ The Fund's largest individual holdings that were detractors from quarterly returns were Northland Power, Telus Corp, and Franco-Nevada Corp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The fund seeks to deliver long-term capital appreciation by investing in high-quality businesses that have a leadership position in their respective industry, attractive valuations, well-capitalized, high margins and market share and run by proven management teams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We maintain a cautious stance and the mood remains guarded despite market hitting all time highs. ✓ While the Bank of Canada has provided considerable easing to the Canadian economy, they're likely at, or near, the end of their current easing cycle.

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Historical fund and portfolio performance

As of December 31, 2025, all data is reported in the base currency of the Fund. Returns are net of management fees and fund expenses are expressed as a percentage which are based on Class A assets and currencies. Returns are annualized with the exception of periods less than one year.

Funds	Inception Date	1 month	3 months	6 months	YTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
Scotia Money Market Fund Series A	11/19/1999	0.31	0.87	1.80	3.71	3.71	4.32	2.79	1.79	1.71
Benchmark: ICE BofA 0-3 M US Trsy Bill TR USD		0.35	1.01	2.11	4.28	4.28	4.89	3.23	2.17	
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund Series A	01/01/1993	-0.40	0.66	2.71	6.09	6.09	3.89	-1.55	0.71	3.17
Benchmark: Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD		-0.15	1.10	3.15	7.30	7.30	4.66	-0.36	2.01	
Scotia Global Equity Fund Series A	08/31/1994	2.74	3.93	9.41	22.32	22.32	12.29	6.11	6.72	4.93
Benchmark: MSCI ACWI NR USD		1.04	3.29	11.17	22.34	22.34	20.65	11.19	11.72	
Scotia US Equity Fund Series A	11/19/1999	0.04	0.21	9.45	14.53	14.53	11.72	7.26	8.12	3.96
Benchmark: S&P 500 TR USD		0.06	2.66	11.00	17.88	17.88	23.01	14.42	14.82	
Scotia Canadian Equity Fund Series A (U\$)	08/31/1994	2.35	3.53	9.68	19.07	19.07	13.74	10.46	7.52	6.16
Benchmark: S&P/TSX Composite TR USD		3.04	7.85	18.98	38.16	38.16	20.95	14.40	12.81	

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