

Quarterly fund performance update

As of June 30, 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 June 30, 2025, the Fund delivered a gross yield of 4.42% and a three-month return of 0.92%. ✓ Performance in the second quarter was supported by the Fund's barbell strategy, which contributed positively as the money market curve flattened. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund's average term remained aligned with the benchmark, while its yield exceeded that of the benchmark, despite a decline from Q1 2025 levels. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Earnings and sales posted solid growth this quarter, while credit metrics remained stable. We continue to monitor macroeconomic developments, particularly the potential effects of a new U.S. tariff regime on trade dynamics, inflation, and real GDP growth. ✓ We intend to maintain an average portfolio term broadly aligned with the benchmark to support liquidity and reinvestment flexibility. We remain focused on preserving higher credit quality across the portfolio.
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 0.89% for the 3 months ending June 30, 2025. ✓ The Fund's positive return was in line with the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Despite carrying a slightly higher duration and a lower Treasury allocation than the benchmark, the Fund capitalized on relatively unchanged year-to-date corporate spreads by increasing exposure to corporate credit, even after rates spiked post-Liberation Day amid policy uncertainty. ✓ Attractive all-in yields continue to drive investor interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We have lowered our growth expectations for major economies as we anticipate below-trend growth as our base case, with risks skewed to the downside. In this environment, we favor a more balanced distribution of risk across both duration and credit. ✓ We continue to favor higher-quality credit, including investment-grade corporate bonds, agency mortgage-backed securities, and AAA-rated securitized assets, which offer attractive relative value and diversification benefits.

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Scotia Global Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 3.22% for 1 month and 10.76% for the 3 months ending June 30, 2025. ✓ Security selection in information technology, materials & healthcare contributed to fund performance. Detractor included security selection in industrials. ✓ The securities that contributed the most to quarterly Fund returns were Oracle Corp, NEC, Microsoft Corp, DVS A/S. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Individual securities that underperformed included United Health Group, Techtronic Industries Co and Elevance Health. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund is actively managed with a core style and will generally invest in between 28 and 40 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ We expect modest growth in the global economy supported by more accommodative monetary and fiscal policy, in particular outside of the U.S. ✓ Tariffs are a supply shock, raising prices near term (inflationary); however, the impact on demand is likely to prevent prices from resuming a clear trend higher and is likely to lead to lower inflation once the one-time price increase has passed through the economy. ✓ While recession risks persist and are widely anticipated, leading indicators have declined. If a slowdown occurs, central banks have room to ease policy, which helps reduce the risk of a sharp decline in risky assets.
Scotia US Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 2.82% for 1 month and 4.90% for the 3 months ending June 30, 2025. ✓ Security selection in energy and real estate contributed to fund performance. ✓ The securities that contributed the most to quarterly Fund returns were Oracle, Microsoft and Booking Holdings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Detractors included security selection in industrial, materials and information technology. ✓ Notable individual securities that underperformed included United Health Group, Elevance Health and 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 anticipate a spike in inflation in the second quarter due to tariff shocks, followed by a return to moderation as the year progresses. ✓ Market expectations for Federal Reserve rate cuts in 2025 have increased, with investors now anticipating more cuts at a faster pace compared to the single cut expected at the start of the year. ✓ While our primary focus remains on proprietary research of business fundamentals and identifying best-in-class companies to compound unit-holder wealth, we remain vigilant regarding potential macroeconomic impacts on our current holdings.

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Scotia Canadian Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 8.68% for the 3 months ending June 30, 2025. ✓ The Fund's largest individual holdings that were contributors to quarterly returns were Toronto-Dominion Bank, Royal Bank of Canada and Taiwan Semiconductor. ✓ The Fund's selection of securities in utilities sector contributed to returns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund's largest individual holdings that were detractors from quarterly returns were United Health Group, Prairiesky Royalty and Waste Connections. ✓ The Fund's selection of and overweight in health care and security selection in financial sectors were the largest detractor from returns. 	<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"> ✓ Although, 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. ✓ From a trade perspective, U.S. tariffs are continuing to wildly impact forward-looking expectations as erratic policy announcements from the White House are difficult to forecast. ✓ Despite the backdrop, Canadian equities—driven by strong returns in commodities like gold and banks, which have a large TSX weighting have significantly outperformed other markets. While this has been positive for Canadian investors, ongoing outperformance is uncertain.

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Historical fund and portfolio performance

As of June 30, 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	10/27/1999	0.30	0.92	1.87	1.87	4.24	4.04	2.42	1.61	1.67
Benchmark 1: ICE BofA 0-3 M US Trsy Bill TR USD		0.34	1.07	2.12	2.12	4.74	4.64	2.81	1.96	
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund Series A	12/21/1992	1.57	0.89	3.29	3.29	4.58	2.00	-1.69	0.45	3.14
Benchmark 1: Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD		1.54	1.21	4.02	4.02	6.08	2.55	-0.73	1.89	
Scotia Global Equity Fund Series A	06/23/1994	3.22	10.76	11.80	11.80	5.60	9.92	7.62	4.96	4.71
Benchmark 1: MSCI ACWI NR USD		4.49	11.53	10.05	10.05	16.17	17.35	13.65	9.99	
Scotia US Equity Fund Series A	10/27/1999	2.82	4.90	4.64	4.64	2.50	9.90	8.80	7.48	3.67
Benchmark 1: S&P 500 TR USD		5.09	10.94	6.20	6.20	15.16	19.71	16.64	13.65	
Scotia Canadian Equity Fund Series A (U\$)	06/23/1994	2.04	8.68	8.57	8.57	17.58	10.50	11.78	4.02	5.95
Benchmark 1: S&P/TSX Composite TR USD		3.70	14.48	16.12	16.12	26.72	13.94	14.98	8.64	

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