

Quarterly fund performance update

As of September 30, 2024

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: short-term and long term
Scotia Money Market Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a gross yield of 5.07% and a 3 month return of 1.17% at September 30, 2024. ✓ The Fund benefitted from a barbell strategy, with a higher allocation to short and long-term T-bills and a lower allocation to medium term T-bills, due to the lower yield on longer-term T-bills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund maintained an average credit rating that was higher than the benchmark to reduce risk given the potential for economic weakness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund's average term to maturity was similar to the benchmark to ensure adequate liquidity and to facilitate the reinvestment of assets at higher yields. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The U.S. economy is expected to grow at a modest pace in Q4. Consumer spending, which accounts for a significant portion of GDP, should remain resilient. ✓ Although inflation has slowed, it remains elevated, and upside risks remain, which may result in the U.S. Fed lowering interest rates at a slower pace than expected. ✓ Macroeconomic factors, interest rate policy, increased geopolitical tensions and an upcoming U.S. election may contribute to higher volatility for the remainder of 2024.
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 5.14% for the 3 months ending September 30, 2024. ✓ The Fund's positive return for the quarter was primarily due to the decrease in yields on treasury securities and benefited from having an effective duration that was 0.4 years longer than the index. ✓ The Fund's holdings of agency mortgage-backed securities, in addition to gains from corporate bonds and high yield bonds resulting from a decrease in credit spreads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund has maintained a slightly longer duration than the benchmark to benefit from expected interest rate cuts. ✓ The Fund has reduced its overweight allocation to MBS but continues to favor those with a higher coupon due to their lower volatility and the potential for lower credit spreads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The U.S. economy is expected to grow at a modest pace in Q4. Consumer spending, which accounts for a significant portion of GDP, should remain resilient. ✓ Although inflation has slowed, it remains elevated, and upside risks remain, which may result in the U.S. Fed lowering interest rates at a slower pace than expected. ✓ Macroeconomic factors, interest rate policy, increased geopolitical tensions and an upcoming U.S. election may contribute to higher volatility for the remainder of 2024.

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Scotia Global Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net of fee return of 4.01% for the 3 months ending September 30, 2024. ✓ The majority of sectors in the Fund delivered a positive return in the 3rd quarter. The largest contributors to the Fund's quarterly returns were from its holdings in the Consumer Discretionary and Industrials sectors. ✓ The securities that contributed the most to quarterly Fund returns were Techtronic Industries, DSV Panalpina, Alibaba, United Health and Oracle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund's holdings of securities in the Consumer Staples sector and an under allocation to U.S. securities detracted from returns. ✓ The securities that detracted the most from quarterly Fund returns were Samsung Electronics, Walmart Mexico, Qualitas and Repsol. 	<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"> ✓ The U.S. economy is expected to grow at a modest pace in Q4. Consumer spending, which accounts for a significant portion of GDP, should remain resilient. ✓ A period of stable, albeit moderating, growth should allow corporate profits to continue to expand, allowing for further price appreciation of risk assets. ✓ Macroeconomic factors, interest rate policy, increased geopolitical tensions and an upcoming U.S. election may contribute to higher volatility for the remainder of 2024.
Scotia US Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net of fee return of 4.45% for the 3 months ending September 30, 2024. ✓ The top contributing sectors were Technology, due its low return and the Fund's under allocation, and Consumer Discretionary. ✓ The securities that contributed the most to quarterly Fund returns were UnitedHealth, Oracle and Home Depot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Consumer Staples sector detracted the most from returns. ✓ Notable individual securities that underperformed included Concentrix, Valero Energy and Alphabet. 	<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"> ✓ The U.S. economy is expected to grow at a modest pace in Q4. Consumer spending, which accounts for a significant portion of GDP, should remain resilient. ✓ A period of stable, albeit moderating, growth should allow corporate profits to continue to expand, allowing for further price appreciation of risk assets. ✓ Macroeconomic factors, interest rate policy, increased geopolitical tensions and an upcoming U.S. election may contribute to higher volatility for the remainder of 2024.

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Scotia Canadian Equity Fund (US\$)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund had a net return of 8.81% for the 3 months ending September 30, 2024. ✓ The largest contributors to quarterly returns were Royal Bank of Canada, Brookfield Corp., and TD Bank. ✓ The Fund had a lower allocation to the Energy sector which contributed to performance due to that sector's lower return. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The largest detractors from quarterly returns were Boyd Group, Canadian Natural Resources and Microsoft. ✓ The Fund's holdings in the Technology and Financials sectors also detracted from returns. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Fund remains defensively positioned with a higher allocation to Healthcare, Technology and Communications and a lower allocation to Energy and Utilities than the index. ✓ The Fund is conservatively invested in high quality businesses with sound business models, strong management, solid fundamentals and a sufficient margin of safety. ✓ The Fund was primarily invested in Canada and had approximately 16% of its assets invested in the U.S. and 2% in Taiwan, in industries with more investment opportunities than Canada. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inflation has slowed due to the sharp increase in interest rates over the past two years. ✓ Economic growth maybe be impacted by lower immigration levels from the Canadian government, higher than expected unemployment, and relatively higher consumer debt. ✓ The pace of interest rate cuts may need to increase to support employment and economic growth. ✓ Canadian equities are attractively valued, and their outlook remains positive.

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Historical fund and portfolio performance

As of September 30, 2024, 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	0.38	1.17	2.37	3.63	4.83	3.03	1.95	1.30	1.60
Benchmark 1: ICE BofA 0-3 M US Trsy Bill TR USD		0.42	1.36	2.72	4.07	5.49	3.56	2.33	1.63	
Scotia US Dollar Bond Fund Series A	12/21/1992	1.31	5.14	4.75	4.53	11.47	-2.73	-0.68	0.55	3.23
Benchmark 1: Bloomberg US Agg Bond TR USD		1.34	5.20	5.26	4.45	11.57	-1.39	0.33	1.84	
Scotia Global Equity Fund Series A	06/23/1994	1.98	4.01	5.45	12.95	23.62	4.36	6.29	5.35	4.77
Benchmark 1: MSCI ACWI NR USD		2.32	6.61	9.67	18.66	31.76	8.09	12.19	9.39	
Scotia US Equity Fund Series A	10/27/1999	0.65	4.45	4.09	14.17	25.64	6.66	8.50	8.28	3.86
Benchmark 1: S&P 500 TR USD		2.14	5.89	10.42	22.08	36.35	11.91	15.98	13.38	
Scotia Canadian Equity Fund Series A (U\$)	06/23/1994	2.49	8.81	6.29	10.89	19.93	6.24	8.33	2.27	5.83
Benchmark 1: S&P/TSX Composite TR USD		2.91	11.97	10.14	14.43	26.83	7.19	10.50	6.06	

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