

# IA Clarington Loomis Global Equity Opportunities Fund

## Manager Commentary – Q1 2026

Global equity markets experienced significant volatility over the 12-month period ended March 31, 2026. Markets sold off in early April 2025 following the announcement of higher-than-expected U.S. tariffs but rebounded as trade tensions eased, earnings remained strong and consumer demand proved resilient. Global equities posted strong gains in the fourth quarter of 2025, supported by easing inflation pressures, resilient economic activity and expectations for further central bank interest-rate cuts. Markets retreated in the first quarter of 2026 as conflict in the Middle East drove a sharp rise in energy prices, reignited inflation concerns and prompted a shift in investor sentiment away from mega-capitalization, artificial intelligence (AI)-related stocks, with increased caution toward software companies amid questions about the longer-term effects of AI on business models.

Security selection in the communication services sector was the largest contributor to the Fund's performance over the 12-month period. The information technology, industrials and consumer staples sectors also contributed. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. Ltd. was the largest individual contributor as the global AI buildout continued to accelerate. The company's dominant market share in leading-edge semiconductor fabrication provides substantial pricing power, translating into structurally higher gross margins and returns on equity. NVIDIA Corp. also contributed, as the company remains central to the AI buildout across industries, with an annual product cycle driving significant improvements in both performance and energy efficiency. ASML Holding NV contributed as the primary beneficiary of global AI infrastructure investment, given its position as the sole provider of extreme ultraviolet lithography equipment.

The financials sector was the largest detractor from the Fund's performance over the past 12 months. The health care, materials and energy sectors also detracted. UnitedHealth Group Inc. was the largest individual detractor, as shares declined amid an earnings guidance cut, a change in leadership and the reinstatement of guidance at levels well below original expectations. The broader managed care industry faced significant cost pressure as medical costs outpaced premium growth, with additional margin pressure at Optum Health. Roper Technologies Inc. detracted following a reduction in its organic growth outlook, driven primarily by temporary spending pauses in its government services business and order delays in its water metering business. S&P Global Inc. detracted amid market concerns about the role of financial data providers in an evolving AI landscape.

The fund manager added new holdings in KLA Corp., Progressive Corp., Booking Holdings Inc., Expedia Group Inc., Constellation Software Inc., Tyler Technologies Inc. and Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. over the period. KLA Corp. is a global leader in semiconductor process control and yield management solutions with dominant market share. Progressive Corp. is a leader in U.S. auto, home and commercial insurance with a strong track record of underwriting results and market share gains. Booking Holdings Inc. and Expedia Group Inc. are leading global online travel agencies that benefit from network effects and defensible, asset-light business models. Constellation Software Inc. acquires and manages vertical market software businesses with entrenched customer relationships. Tyler Technologies Inc. is the largest U.S. software company focused solely on the public sector.

The fund manager eliminated holdings in Allison Transmission Holdings Inc., Diamondback Energy Inc., Adobe Inc., Builders FirstSource Inc. and Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc. Allison Transmission was sold following concerns about capital allocation priorities related to a pending acquisition. Diamondback Energy was sold to deploy capital into higher-conviction ideas. Adobe was sold following concerns about forward growth

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prospects amid increasing competition. Builders FirstSource was sold as a result of persistently sluggish performance in new residential construction. Chipotle Mexican Grill, which had been added earlier in the period, was sold following concerns about near-term demand recovery.

The fund manager expects continued moderate U.S. growth in 2026, supported by AI-driven capital spending, corporate profitability and fiscal policy. Inflation dynamics have improved, with core consumer prices declining in both the U.S. and Europe, reinforcing expectations for potential interest-rate cuts from the U.S. Federal Reserve later in the year. The fund manager believes that policy rates could settle near levels broadly aligned with estimated neutral rates, which may support a range-bound interest-rate environment.

Global macroeconomic and geopolitical developments may continue to influence market sentiment and drive volatility. The fund manager remains focused on investing in high-quality businesses with strong management teams, robust balance sheets and the ability to compound value over the long term. Periods of uncertainty may create opportunities to build positions in select companies at attractive valuations.

<b>Fund and benchmark performance, as at March 31, 2026</b>	<b>1-year</b>	<b>3-year</b>	<b>5-year</b>	<b>Since inception (Nov. 2019)</b>
IA Clarington Loomis Global Equity Opportunities Fund – Series F	12.7%	16.9%	10.1%	11.7%
MSCI AC World Index (CAD) <sup>1</sup>	16.4%	17.8%	11.8%	12.5%

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