

IA Clarington Target Click 2030 Fund

Manager commentary – Q3 2025

The end of the period was marked by easing trade tensions and global economic resilience, but there were concerns about U.S. inflation and a loss of independence and credibility at the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed).

The ratification of trade agreements between the U.S. and key partners like the European Union, Japan and South Korea reduced uncertainty and made the business environment more predictable. That said, tariffs accounted for 10% of total imports as of August, and this proportion was expected to rise as companies rebuilt inventories.

The U.S. economy continued to grow and consumption rebounded, driven by wealthier households and a positive wealth effect from strong financial market performance. Non-residential investment also remained robust, particularly in artificial intelligence. Job creation slowed significantly over the summer but remained positive.

Inflation accelerated slightly, hovering around 3% year-over-year. Tariffs began to affect consumer prices. In this environment, the Fed lowered its benchmark interest rate by 25 basis points (bps), with further cuts expected by year-end.

After contracting in the second quarter, the Canadian economy showed mediocre growth in the third quarter. While consumer spending remained resilient, exports and investments were down. The labour market also weakened. Headline inflation was slightly below the 2% target, but core inflation stagnated between 2% and 3%. In September, the Bank of Canada cut its benchmark interest rate by 25 bps, to 2.50%.

The Carney government unveiled its initial list of nation-building projects, which included projects already well advanced in their approval process. Nevertheless, this could send a positive signal to investors. The main themes were export diversification, energy dominance and critical minerals. Fiscal spending was expected to increase significantly from higher defense spending.

The European economy grew modestly in the third quarter, with inflation being contained around 2%. The European Central Bank held interest rates steady, and markets did not expect further cuts. Fiscal risks emerged in France and the U.K., as both countries needed to consolidate their fiscal positions but faced political opposition.

Fixed-income returns were relatively modest. The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index returned 0.9% for the six-month period ending September 30, 2025, as interest rates generally rose during the period. Canadian credits fared better, with a 2.3% progression.

As for equities, the U.S. equity market represented by the S&P 500 Index returned strong results for the six-month period ending September 30, 2025 and progressed by 20.0% (in U.S. – dollar terms.) However, the U.S. dollar weakened versus from the Canadian dollar, which detracted from returns and resulted in a 16.0% progression for this index in Canadian-dollar terms for the six-month period ending September

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30, 2025. The top sectors included information technology, communication services and consumer discretionary.

Canadian equities also performed well. The top-performing sectors included materials, information technology and financials.

On the international front, the MSCI World Index and MSCI EAFE Index returned 15.6% and 13.2% for the six-month period ending September 30, 2025, respectively (in Canadian-dollar terms, therefore including foreign currency movements).

To honour its guarantees, the Fund has a high percentage of its positions invested in zero-coupon bonds maturing in 2030. The remaining portion of the Fund is invested in a global equity fund and Treasury bills.

The Fund's equity component contributed to performance as its only underlying equity fund, iA Clarington Global Equity Exposure Fund, generated positive returns. However, the position's small weight meant that it had a limited effect on overall performance.

In fixed income, the Fund held nearly 95% in Ontario zero-coupon bonds maturing in 2030, but returns were reduced by interest-rate increases.

The Fund's investment in global equity was modestly reduced and fixed income increased as part of a natural shift in the portfolio composition to better honour the Fund's guarantees for 2030.

New positions included Canadian Treasury bills purchased to replace short-term instruments that had reached maturity.

Decreased positions included IA Clarington Global Equity Exposure Fund to shift the portfolio composition toward more provincial zero-coupon fixed-income securities maturing in 2025.

Eliminated positions included Canadian Treasury bills that reached maturity.

Fund and benchmark performance, as at September 30, 2025	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
IA Clarington Target Click 2030 Fund – Series A	3.6%	4.5%	-1.0%	1.5%
20% MSCI World Index[^] (CAD)¹, 80% FTSE Canada All Government Bond Index	5.8%	7.8%	2.3%	3.9%

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Non-traditional fixed income asset classes may carry higher risk, but generally provide higher yield than traditional fixed income asset classes. A mutual fund's "yield" refers to income generated by securities held in the fund's portfolio and does not represent the return of or level of income paid out by the fund.

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