

Market Commentary

Market Overview

As of July 31, 2025, Canadian income-oriented markets delivered modest returns, reflecting a challenging environment for defensive assets. Utilities (+18.90%) and REITs (+4.91%) posted gains, but lagged the broader TSX 60, while Consumer Staples (+14.50%) offered some relative stability over the last year. Traditional income sectors like financials (+29.56%) performed well, but the overall picture for balanced portfolios was mixed. Bonds struggled—aggregate fixed income ETFs delivered only low single-digit returns—while equity income lagged growth-driven sectors like technology and gold. In a year when defense was penalized and risk-on sectors surged, conservative portfolios underperformed aggressive allocations, highlighting the difficulty of maintaining income and capital preservation in a reflationary market.

Portfolio Analysis

The Tactical Income Portfolio returned 5.27% over the 12 months ending July 31, 2025—a respectable outcome given its defensive, balanced mandate, though it trailed the broader Canadian and U.S. equity markets. Designed to prioritize income and capital preservation, the portfolio was challenged by an environment that rewarded risk-on sectors like gold, technology, and financials while penalizing defensive positioning. With a YTD return of 3.10% and 3-year annualized performance of 6.29%, the strategy has delivered on its mandate of stability, though relative performance has lagged in this reflationary, equity-led cycle. In markets like these, prudence tends to look cautious—until the cycle turns.

Holdings Analysis

The Tactical Income Portfolio remains defensively positioned, with a balanced mix of fixed income, dividend equities, and infrastructure. While the environment over the past month favoured growth and risk assets, several holdings contributed positively—led by AltaGas (+3.69%) and Canadian Natural Resources (+3.08%), both benefiting from renewed interest in energy and infrastructure yield. However, Intact Financial was a notable detractor (-9.85%), reflecting sector-specific weakness in Canadian insurers. Bond holdings such as ZFM and ZST offered stability but little return, consistent with the broader trend of muted fixed income performance. Overall, the portfolio's structure is intentionally conservative-focused on steady income and capital preservation rather than chasing short-term rallies.

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Performance Growth



Top 10 Holdings

Description	Symbol	MV%	30D Return
BMO MID FEDL BND INDX ETF	ZFM.TO	6.95%	-0.94%
BROMPTON TECH LEADERS ETF	TLF.TO	5.73%	0.91%
NATIONAL BANK OF CDA	NA.TO	5.72%	2.57%
CDN NATURAL RESOURCES LTD	CNQ.TO	5.24%	3.08%
TMX GROUP LTD	X.TO	5.12%	-2.58%
BMO ULTRA SHRT-TRM BD ETF	ZST.TO	5.11%	0.13%
NORTH WEST VR VTG&COM VTG	NWC.TO	4.46%	-1.47%
INTACT FINANCIAL CORP	IFC.TO	4.45%	-9.85%
BMO FLOATING RATE H/Y ETF	ZFH.TO	4.44%	0.80%
ALTAGAS LTD	ALA.TO	4.26%	3.69%

Performance Metrics

YTD 3.10%	1Y 5.27%
3M 3.15%	6M 2.54%
3Y 6.29%	5Y 0.00%
10Y 0.00%	Since Inception 8.49%

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