

## Market Commentary

### Market Overview

Over the past year, the TSX 60 surged +24.7%, led by gold (+69.4%), technology (+37.9%), and financials (+31.5%), yet the story was far less rewarding for balanced investors. Bonds, represented by the Canadian Universe Bond Index (XBB.TO), delivered just +2.9%, leaving those who stayed conservative or overweight fixed income trailing badly. In August, the rotation out of tech was clear: gold (+20.5%), and financials (+4.2%) carried markets while technology fell behind. For investors prioritizing caution, the past year underscored a painful reality—rate anxiety kept bond returns muted, meaning traditional ballast failed to keep pace with equity gains, leaving conservative allocations feeling left out of the rally.

### Portfolio Analysis

The Tactical Income Portfolio gained +1.85% in August, supported by strength in financials, utilities, and dividend-paying equities, even as bonds continued to deliver only modest returns. For the year, the portfolio is ahead +5.0% and has returned +5.8% over the past 12 months, highlighting the more measured profile of a balanced approach during a period when rate anxiety has weighed heavily on fixed income. Longer-term results remain consistent, with annualized gains of +7.3% over three years and +8.7% over five years, underscoring the portfolio's role as a conservative anchor through changing market conditions.

### Holdings Analysis

In August, results across the Tactical Income Portfolio's holdings were mixed. The Royal Bank of Canada (+12.3%) delivered a strong gain, but this was offset by weakness in other financial exposures, with TMX Group (−2.3%) and Intact Financial (−4.0%) both declining. Among other positions, North West (+6.1%) provided a defensive lift, while energy exposure in Canadian Natural Resources (−0.8%) and tech via Brompton Tech Leaders ETF (−0.8%) slipped modestly. Bond ETFs offered stability, though only modestly positive returns. As a result, despite healthy exposure to financials, the model didn't benefit as much as hoped—weakness in non-bank financials offset strength in the Royal Bank of Canada, leaving gains more restrained than equity markets overall.

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## Performance Growth



## Top 10 Holdings

Description	Symbol	MV%	30D Return
BMO MID FEDL BND INDX ETF	ZFM.TO	6.88%	0.89%
NATIONAL BANK OF CDA	NA.TO	5.63%	0.16%
BROMPTON TECH LEADERS ETF	TLF.TO	5.55%	-0.75%
CDN NATURAL RESOURCES LTD	CNQ.TO	5.11%	-0.84%
BMO ULTRA SHRT-TRM BD ETF	ZST.TO	5.03%	0.39%
TMX GROUP LTD	X.TO	4.90%	-2.27%
NORTH WEST VR VTG&COM VTG	NWC.TO	4.65%	6.10%
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	RY.TO	4.38%	12.26%
BMO FLOATING RATE H/Y ETF	ZFH.TO	4.35%	0.27%
INTACT FINANCIAL CORP	IFC.TO	4.20%	-3.97%

## Performance Metrics

YTD 5.00%	1Y 5.79%
3M 3.19%	6M 6.50%
3Y 7.27%	5Y 8.74%
10Y 0.00%	Since Inception 8.74%



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