

## Market Commentary

### Market Overview

Equity and fixed income markets were mixed in December. The TSX 60 gained 1.21%, while Canadian bonds were modestly negative, continuing to pressure interest-sensitive sectors relied on by income investors.

Equity gains were narrowly driven by Financials (+4.38%). Outside of Financials, traditional income sectors struggled, with Utilities (-2.46%), REITs, and Consumer Staples all modestly negative as elevated yields and weak bond performance weighed on returns.

Over the year, the TSX 60 rose 28.89%, but gains remained concentrated in Financials and resource sectors. Canadian bonds returned 2.59%, providing stability but limited support. December reinforced a key 2025 theme: income investors faced persistent headwinds outside of Financials.

### Portfolio Analysis

The Tactical Income portfolio gained 0.30% in December, a positive result as bonds were modestly negative and income-oriented equity sectors struggled. The portfolio's balanced structure helped dampen volatility amid narrow equity leadership.

Full-year performance was strong, with the portfolio up 10.96% in 2025. Gains of 8.04% over six months and 2.79% over three months reflect steady progress despite headwinds for traditional income assets.

Longer-term results remain consistent, with returns of 10.13% over three years, 8.34% over five years, and 9.30% since inception, underscoring effective diversification and risk management heading into 2026.

### Holdings Analysis

There were no changes to portfolio holdings in December. Performance reflected narrow market leadership and continued pressure on interest-sensitive assets.

Canadian Financials were the primary positive contributor, with Royal Bank up 8.26% and National Bank gaining 2.89%, providing income stability and upside participation. Bond holdings faced modest pressure as rates remained elevated, while floating-rate, preferreds, and infrastructure exposure helped stabilize results amid weakness in rate-sensitive sectors.

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## Performance Growth



## Top 10 Holdings

Description	Symbol	MV%	30D Return
NATIONAL BANK OF CDA	NA.TO	6.40%	2.89%
BROMPTON TECH LEADERS ETF	TLF.TO	5.66%	0.24%
CDN NATURAL RESOURCES LTD	CNQ.TO	5.19%	-0.42%
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	RY.TO	4.88%	8.26%
BMO MID FEDL BND INDX ETF	ZFM.TO	4.64%	-1.33%
TMX GROUP LTD	X.TO	4.44%	1.81%
BMO FLOATING RATE H/Y ETF	ZFH.TO	4.19%	0.36%
INTACT FINANCIAL CORP	IFC.TO	4.15%	0.59%
ALTAGAS LTD	ALA.TO	4.07%	-2.19%
ISHRS S&P/TSX CDN PFD ETF	CPD.TO	4.00%	1.74%

## Performance Metrics

YTD 10.96%	1Y 10.96%
3M 2.79%	6M 8.04%
3Y 10.13%	5Y 8.34%
10Y 0.00%	Since Inception 9.30%

