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INVESTMENT UPDATE



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Quarterly investment update (as at March 31, 2025)

The first quarter of 2025 presented a challenging investment environment, shaped by shifting geopolitical dynamics and renewed concerns over trade tensions and tariffs. These developments led to projections of lower economic growth and anticipated inflation woes once more. However, there are some signs of stability in real asset classes, such as real estate and infrastructure investments. Periods like these can create attractive long-term investment opportunities for diversified portfolios.

In Canada, the S&P/TSX Composite posted a 1.5 per cent return despite the uncertainty around the scope and duration of U.S. tariffs. This return can be attributed to a strong performance by the materials sector. Our Canadian equity portfolio underperformed the benchmark with a return of 0.8 per cent.

The U.S. market was down in the first quarter with the S&P 500 achieving a negative 4.2 per cent return. The major technology companies referred to as the "Magnificent 7", underperformed after being key drivers of recent market gains. Our U.S. equity portfolio outperformed the benchmark with a return of negative 3.2 per cent.

International equites had a strong start to the year, with the benchmark returning 6.9 per cent. The strong performance led by Europe and the U.K. had multiple sectors achieving double digit returns; this included Energy, Financials, Utilities and Communication Services. Our international equity portfolio outperformed the benchmark with a return of 8.5 per cent.

The Bank of Canada cut rates twice over the quarter to bring the policy interest rate to 2.75 per cent. This contributed to the Canadian fixed income market posting a positive return. The fixed income benchmark returned 2.0 per cent, while our fixed income portfolio outperformed with a return of 2.2 per cent.

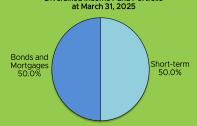
The real estate market remained stable, with a benchmark return of 0.0 per cent. Our real estate pooled fund underperformed with a return of negative 0.1 per cent.

Commercial mortgages continue to provide accretive income while insulating investor returns from the increased volatility. Our mortgage portfolio had a positive return of 2.4 per cent, outperforming the benchmark of 2.2 per cent in the quarter.

The heightened market volatility sent shockwaves in various asset classes. However, due to the essentiality of infrastructure which is expected to provide positive returns in such turbulent times, this asset class performed well. It's lower correlation to traditional equities and fixed income investments was fruitful. Our infrastructure portfolio had a return of 4.3 per cent, which outperformed the benchmark of 2.7 per cent.

Our private debt allocation underperformed its benchmark by achieving a return of 0.1 per cent compared to the benchmark return of 1.5 per cent.

Real estate Short-term 1.5% 9.4% Infrastructure 19.6% NNA Eq 16.3% Diversified Income Fund Portfolio at March 31, 2025



The market value of the Balanced Fund (BF) at March 31, 2025 was \$726.0 million. This represents a return of 1.75 per cent after administrative expenses are allocated to member accounts.

The Diversified Income Fund (DIF) assets totaled \$9.6 million at quarter end, returning 1.17 per cent after administrative expenses.

and DIF asset mix as at March 31, 2025

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> SPP portfolio year to date March 31, 2025

Top 10 Balanced Fund (BF) holdings at March 31, 2025						
	Canadian Equities	% of Port- folio	U.S. Equities	% of Port- folio	Non-North American Equities	% of Port- folio
1	Royal Bank of Canada	7.2	Microsoft	3.0	Sanofi	2.4
2	Toronto-Dominion Bank	5.4	Apple	3.0	Euronext	2.1
3	Bank of Montreal	3.8	NVIDIA Corporation	2.6	Rheinmetall	2.1
4	Constellation Software	3.8	Alphabet	2.2	Julius Baer Group	2.0
5	Canadian Natural Resources	3.7	Exxon Mobil Corp.	2.2	Standard Chartered PLC	2.0
6	Toromont Industries	3.6	Philip Morris Intl.	2.0	Aker BP	2.0
7	Waste Connections	3.5	Amazon	1.7	BNP Paribas	1.9
8	Pembina Pipeline Corp.	3.3	Meta Platforms	1.7	Snam S.p.A	1.7
9	Tourmaline Oil	3.3	JPMorgan Chase & Comp.	1.5	Equinor	1.7
10	Metro Inc.	2.9	UnitedHealth Group	1.5	Fortum	1.7



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