

IA Clarington Target Click 2030 Fund

Manager commentary – Q2 2024

The reacceleration of the global manufacturing cycle continued in the second quarter of 2024, with emerging economies playing a predominant role.

Progress in global inflation data has taken a turn for the better in recent months, illustrated by a surprisingly positive trend in the U.S. despite the still-robust economic backdrop.

Anecdotal evidence is suggesting that the manufacturing sector is heating up in China, and along with it, demand for commodities. The main challenge for Chinese authorities remains its residential housing sector, which has yet to show any signs of a turnaround despite the aggressive stimulus package announced in May, letting local governments buy up unsold homes, removing minimum interest rates on mortgages, and reducing payments for potential home buyers. In particular, metal prices could remain under pressure until we see signs of stabilization.

Financial markets have witnessed predominantly positive performance, particularly in U.S. large-cap equities, which have led the way. However, it's worth noting that market breadth has displayed signs of deterioration throughout the quarter, and gains have been predominantly fueled by the performance of large technology companies. Market breadth is a set of indicators that analyze the number of stocks advancing relative to those that are declining in a given index or on a stock exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange.

While the U.S. economy has been a lone bright spot ever since the short-lived technical recession of early 2022, we are seeing more and more countries returning to expansion over the last few months. Europe exited recession in the first quarter of 2024, although Germany seems to still be struggling to find escape velocity.

Following a rather flat first quarter of 2024, Canadian fixed income posted gains in the second quarter as the Bank of Canada delivered a first interest rate reduction. The FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index posted a return of 0.9%, the FTSE Canada Long Term Bond Index posted a return of 0.2%, and the FTSE Canada Corporate Bond Index posted a return of 1.1%.

The Fund's underweight position in equities, which outperformed significantly during the period, detracted from performance. The Fund's overweight position in fixed income also detracted from relative performance as the asset class generated lower returns compared to equities. Security selection within the Fund's fixed-income sleeve contributed to performance.

To meet its obligations due in 2030, the Fund will keep and gradually increase its allocation to fixed-income securities with a maturity in 2030, while lowering its allocation to equities. More specifically, the Fund will continue to invest mainly in Ontario provincial bonds due to mature in 2030.

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Fund and benchmark performance, as at June 30, 2024	1-year	3-year	5-year	10-year
IA Clarington Target Click 2030 Fund – Series A	3.7%	-3.1%	-0.9%	1.3%
20% MSCI World Index (CAD)¹, 80% FTSE Canada All Government Bond Index	6.8%	0.2%	2.1%	3.7%

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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payable by any securityholder that would have reduced returns. Returns are historical annual compounded total returns.

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