

Balanced Fund Commentary

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AT A GLANCE

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Fund Objective: Seeks to provide current income while maintaining the potential for capital appreciation.

About the Fund: A diversified mutual fund representing our approach to current income, income growth, and long-term capital appreciation.

Benchmark: Bloomberg Mid Cap/ Intermediate US Aggregate 50/50 TR Index¹

Morningstar Category: US Fund Moderate Allocation

 $\textbf{Lipper Category:} \ Flexible \ Portfolio$

Net Assets: \$387 million Inception Date: July 15, 2015

Effective 11/01/2023, the Fund's name changed from the "Eventide Multi-Asset Income Fund." Also effective 11/01/2023, the Fund has adopted a policy to invest at least 25% of its assets in equity securities and at least 25% of its assets in fixed income securities. These clarifications are designed to help investors evaluate the Fund for purposes of investment planning, and there is no change to the Fund's management of investment strategies or objectives.

GLOSSARY

Balanced equity strategies: Combine stocks for growth with bonds/cash for stability, aiming for a moderate risk-return profile.

S&P 500: The S&P 500 is an index created by Standard & Poor's of American stocks with the largest market capitalization.

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Class I: ETIMX | Class A: ETAMX | Class C: ETCMX | Class N: ETNMX

Review

The Balanced Fund (Class I) reported a total return of 4.25% for Q2 2025, underperforming the 4.43% return for its benchmark, the Bloomberg Mid Cap/Intermediate U.S. Aggregate 50/50 Total Return Index. For the trailing 12-month period ending 06/30/2025, the Fund (Class I) underperformed its primary benchmark, returning 8.55% while the benchmark saw a return of 10.09%. The Fund's 5-year results remain strong relative to its benchmark.

Contributors

Lam Research Corp

Top Five Contributors² (%)

Ticker Average Weight Contribution to Return Total Return³ Company Sector Trane Technologies PLC TT Industrials 2.62 0.71 30.11 GFV 73.47 GE Vernova Inc Industrials nVent Electric PLC NVT Industrials 1.37 0.4940.25 VST 65.23 Vistra Corp Utilities 0.75 0.40

0.82

0.32

Information Technology

In the second quarter of 2025, the largest positive contributors to performance were: Trane Technologies PLC, GE Vernova Inc, nVent Electric PLC, Vistra Corp, and Lam Research Corp. Trane Technologies, a provider of HVAC systems for energy efficiency and reduced carbon emissions, continued to post strong results in its commercial HVAC business, driven by data centers, healthcare, and education. GE Vernova, a company that provides energy solutions including renewable energy, power generation, and grid technologies, benefitted as power plants drove strong demand for turbines and electrical products. nVent Electric, a provider of electronic packaging and networking solutions, raised its earnings guidance due to strong orders from data centers and utilities. Vistra, a company that offers electricity and power generation, distribution, and transmission solutions, was helped by regulatory clarity in Texas and the expectation for near-term deals at their nuclear plants. Lam Research, supplier of semiconductor manufacturing equipment and services specializing in wafer fabrication processes, exhibited strong results amid macro volatility as customers continued to make investments in memory node transitions after years of underinvestment.

Detractors

Top Five Detractors² (%)

Q2 2025

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23.47

Company Equity LifeStyle Properties Inc	Ticker ELS	<i>Sector</i> Real Estate	Average Weight 0.89	Contribution to Return -0.08	Total Return ³ -6.77
Entegris Inc	ENTG	Information Technology	0.20	-0.09	-10.28
International Paper Co	ΙP	Materials	1.16	-0.15	-11.37
Arthur J Gallagher & Co	AJG	Financials	2.60	-0.20	-7.09
Targa Resources Corp	TRGP	Energy	0.62	-0.32	-18.26

In the second quarter of 2025, the largest negative detractors to performance were: Equity LifeStyle Properties Inc, Entegris Inc, International Paper Co, Arthur J Gallagher & Co, and Targa Resources Corp. Equity Lifestyle Properties, a REIT that acquires properties in the United States and western Canada, fell out of favor as the market rebounded from tariff concerns. Entegris, a company that provides advanced materials and equipment for semiconductor manufacturing, underperformed due to outstanding questions around the

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Portfolio Team Outlook

"US equities staged a sharp recovery in the second quarter after markets sold-off in the first quarter and troughed in early April on the Liberation Day tariff policy announcement. In the wake of the backlash, the new Administration took a more dovish approach, pursuing trade negotiations and deals. The S&P 500 finished 10.6% higher on the quarter, with much of the strength observed in technology, industrials, and the Magnificent 7 as momentum continued for Artificial Intelligence ("AI") applications and AI-fueled capital spending. Other contributing factors to strong equity market performance included better-than-expected corporate earnings, resilient consumer spending trends, benign inflation data, 10-year treasury yield stability at 4.23%, and limited disruptions from recent Middle East tensions. In the quarter, cyclicals outperformed defensive stocks, growth outperformed value stocks, and large-cap outperformed mid-cap stock indices.

The Strategy's equity positions underperformed their benchmark this quarter as strong relative outperformance in industrials, utilities, consumer staples, and healthcare was more than offset by relative underperformance in technology, financials, materials, real estate, and communication services. In general, the high-quality growth orientation and more defensive positioning in its equity positioning contributed to the Strategy underperforming its benchmark in a strong equity market for the second quarter after outperforming in a weak market for the first quarter. Our fixed income positions outperformed their

benchmark during the quarter primarily due to an overweight in corporate bonds as well as positive selection effects within the corporate bond sector. Year to date as of June 30, 2025, the Strategy continued to outperform its benchmark.

Given the high-quality dividend growth focus and lower-volatility bias versus its benchmark, we believe the Strategy is well-positioned to excel in market environments that are volatile. We favor high-quality companies with strong financials which have consistently exhibited savvy execution.

As valuations allow, we seek to selectively add to resilient, well-positioned companies that are solutions providers and enablers of key trends that promote human flourishing. These businesses offer attractive dividend growth and valuations—particularly in the mid-cap equity space. Our current strategic positioning includes overweights to industrials, utilities, natural gas infrastructure, insurance brokerage, real estate logistics, and technology enablement solutions providers.

The new Administration's pro-US manufacturing policies could bring great opportunities for many US businesses over the long term. Additionally, the Administration's more dovish, less retaliatory approach to tariff policy could help companies better maneuver through one-time higher tariffs, with a lower inflationary impact to the overall economy. In the face of continued uncertainty and unprecedented volatility, we remain focused on investing in resilient and well-managed



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companies that we believe can perform well through near-term macroeconomic and policy-related disruptions and are positioned well for long-term enduring growth.

Dividend growth-oriented strategies may be advantaged and come back in favor as the Federal Reserve responds to a potentially weakening economy with lower policy rates and money market fund rates subsequently decline. This shift could signal an opportunity to participate in attractive, high-quality dividend growth equities that can provide income and offer potentially lower volatility than the broader market. Balanced equity strategies with strong defensive attributes may also regain favor, offering income from high-quality, dividend-growing equities and downside-risk mitigation via significant bond exposure.

Our focus remains on resilient growth, strong financials, idiosyncratic risk, and the overarching theme of human flourishing. Our experience underpins our confidence that these high-quality dividend growth companies will continue to serve their customers, stakeholders, and shareholders effectively."

economic cycle and the impact of tariffs. International Paper, a global producer of fiber-based packaging, pulp, and paper products, saw its performance drag as the market waited for evidence of its operational turnaround. Arthur J. Gallagher, a commercial insurance and reinsurance broker, underperformed as a non-cyclical financial services company amid a risk-on environment and moderating growth in the insurance industry. Targa Resources, a midstream natural gas and NGL provider in the Permian Basin, fell on expectations of lower system volumes and slowing energy production.

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Trailing Returns⁵ (%) 30 Jun 2025

Eventide Balanced Fund	YTD	3-mos	1-year	3-year ⁶	5-year ⁶	10-year	Since Inception ⁶	Inception Date
Class I	4.43	4.25	8.55	8.92	8.26	· –	7.13	07/15/2015
Class A without load	4.29	4.25	8.35	8.66	8.04	_	6.89	07/15/2015
Class A with 5.75% load ⁷	-1.72	-1.71	2.13	6.53	6.77	_	6.26	07/15/2015
Class C ⁷	3.95	4.02	7.52	7.84	7.19	_	6.07	07/15/2015
Class N	4.33	4.20	8.34	8.70	8.05	_	6.92	07/15/2015
Benchmark and Components								
Bloomberg Mid Cap/Intermediate US Aggregate	3.96	4.43	10.09	8.44	6.76	_	6.23	07/15/2015
50/50 TR Index ¹								
Bloomberg US Mid Cap Index ¹	3.48	7.30	13.00	13.28	12.98	_	10.06	07/15/2015
Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index ¹	4.15	1.51	6.69	3.17	0.23	_	1.80	07/15/2015

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Eventide Balanced Fund expenses: Class I, Gross Expenses 0.89%, Net Expenses 0.82%; Class A, Gross Expenses 1.14%, Net Expenses 1.07%; Class C, Gross Expenses 1.89%, Net Expenses 1.82%; Class N, Gross Expenses 1.09%, Net Expenses 1.02%. The adviser has contractually agreed to waive fees and/or reimburse expenses of the Fund through 10/31/2025. The agreement may be terminated by the Fund's Board of Trustees only on 60 days' written notice.

- 1. The Bloomberg US Mid Cap Index is a float market-cap-weighted benchmark of the lower 800 in capitalization of the Bloomberg US 1000 Index, which is a float market-cap-weighted benchmark of the 1000 most highly capitalized US companies. The Bloomberg U.S. Intermediate Aggregate Bond Index is a broad-based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market with less than 10 years to maturity. The securitized sector is wholly included. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate securities, MBS (mortgage-backed securities), ABS (asset-backed securities), and CMBS (commercial mortgage-backed securities).
- Source: Bloomberg PORT Attribution Report. Allocation percentages are subject to change at any time, and should not be considered investment advice.
- 3. The total return percentage listed is impacted by the Fund's transactions and transacted price levels of the holding during the quarter.
- 4. As we evaluate individual companies, we start with a qualitative analysis. We seek to invest in companies that we deem to be "high-quality" by embodying four key traits as; great management teams, strong industry positioning with sustainable competitive advantages, financial strength and business model resilience, and creating compelling value.
- 5. The returns shown do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on fund distributions or on the redemption of fund shares. Because of ongoing market volatility, fund performance may be subject to substantial shortterm changes.
- 6. Performance figures for periods greater than 1 year are annualized. Annualized since inception figures use an inception date of 7/15/2015.
- 7. Class A and Class C are also subject to a maximum deferred sales charge of 1.00%. This and other expenses that apply to a continued investment in the Fund are described in the Fund's prospectus.

The opinions expressed herein are those of the Fund's portfolio management team as of 06/30/2025 and are subject to change. There is no guarantee that such views are correct or that the outlook opinions will come to pass. Specific companies mentioned are for performance attribution informational purposes only and should not be construed as buy or sell advice. Reliance upon the views expressed herein is at the sole discretion of the reader. The Adviser's judgment about the quality and intrinsic value of companies may prove to be incorrect. There is no guarantee that any investment will achieve its objectives, generate positive gains, or avoid losses.

Mutual funds involve risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance does not guarantee future results. The Fund's ethical values screening criteria could cause it to under-perform similar funds that do not have such screening criteria. The Fund can have risk related to option investing. Investors in the Fund should be aware that interest rates may change at any time based on government policy. In general, the price of a fixed income security falls when interest rates rise. Longer term securities may be more sensitive to changes in interest rates. The intermediate-term bond portion of the Fund's portfolio may represent 0% to 100% of the Fund's portfolio with an average duration of between two and eight years. The Fund

may invest, directly or indirectly, in "junk bonds." Such securities are speculative investments that carry greater risks than higher quality debt securities. The Fund can invest in smaller-sized companies which may experience higher failure rates than larger companies and normally have a lower trading volume than larger companies. There are unique risks associated with asset-backed securities, convertible securities, credit, foreign securities, hedging, income, LIBOR, MLPs, mortgage-backed securities, preferred stocks, prepayment, REITs, securities, U.S. Agency securities, and yieldcos that are covered in the Fund's prospectus and SAI.

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