

BAROMETER CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC.

INTERIM MANAGEMENT REPORT OF FUND PERFORMANCE for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025

Barometer Balanced Fund*

(formerly, Barometer Disciplined Leadership Balanced Fund)

* Effective January 1, 2025, the Barometer Disciplined Leadership Balanced Fund was renamed the Barometer Balanced Fund.



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Management Discussion of Fund Performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025

This interim Management Report of Fund Performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the investment fund's performance and outlook from December 31, 2024, the investment fund's fiscal year end, to June 30, 2025. Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this Management Report of Fund Performance is accurate and complete, however, the investment fund cannot guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of this material. For more information, please refer to the Barometer Group of Funds' Simplified Prospectus ("Prospectus"). In this report, "Barometer", "Manager", "Trustee", or "Portfolio Advisor" refers to Barometer Capital Management Inc., the Manager, Trustee and Portfolio Advisor of the Fund. The "Fund" refers to the Barometer Balanced Fund (formerly, the Barometer Disciplined Leadership Balanced Fund). In addition, "net asset value" or "NAV" refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the discussion of Fund performance is based. All dollar figures are reported in Canadian dollars and are expressed in millions, unless otherwise indicated. Effective January 1, 2025, the Barometer Disciplined Leadership Balanced Fund was renamed the Barometer Balanced Fund.

Investment Objective and Strategies

The Fund seeks to provide long-term capital appreciation by investing in a combination of equity and fixed income securities without geographic restrictions. Holdings are not restricted by market capitalization, size or sector, and there is an emphasis on investing in actively traded equity and income securities.

Results of Operations

During the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, Class A units returned 0.5%, Class F units had a return of 1.0%, and Class I units had a return of 1.6%. The Fund's benchmark is a 50/25/25 blend of the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, and MSCI World Net Total Return Index (CAD), which had a return of 4.2% for the six-month period. It is important to note that the Fund's return reflects the effect of fees and expenses for professional management, while the benchmark does not have such costs.

The net asset value of the Fund decreased by 27.9% from \$27.3 million on December 31, 2024, to \$19.7 million on June 30, 2025. This change was due to net outflows offset by a slight increase in investment returns for the six-month period ending June 30, 2025. The Fund also paid cash distributions of \$0.1 million during the six-month period.

The Fund underperformed its blended benchmark by -3.7%, -3.2%, and -2.6%, for each respective class. The Fund's performance was driven primarily by exposure to the energy and health care sectors as it experienced negative impacts from declining crude oil prices attributed to softening global demand as well as weaker performance among select health care positions due to sector rotation into more economically sensitive investments.

The second quarter of 2025 underscored the unpredictability of financial markets. Despite significant geopolitical and economic concerns - including fears of a global trade war, prolonged U.S. budget disputes potentially costing taxpayers an additional \$400 billion, a downgrade of U.S. credit ratings, escalating conflict between Israel and Iran, and U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities - the S&P 500 and NASDAQ reached new all-time highs. Additionally, Treasury yields declined, the U.S. dollar depreciated by approximately 10%, and oil prices fell year-to-date.

The quarter began with turbulence following President Trump's aggressive trade negotiation tactics, leading to a sharp market decline. By April 8th, the S&P 500 had dropped nearly 19% from its February peak, marking an intra-day correction of roughly 21%. However, the market recovered swiftly, setting a new high on June 27th - just 55 trading days later - the fastest recovery in history after a correction exceeding 15%.

Investor sentiment appears optimistic that trade disputes and budget negotiations will ultimately resolve favorably, bolstering the economy through fiscal stimulus, particularly in capital expenditures. This optimism is reflected in sector performance, with industrials leading in the first half and financials experiencing recent gains, signaling market confidence in steady economic activity and stable inflation and interest rates.

Market participants anticipate further easing in monetary, fiscal, and regulatory conditions, justifying the S&P 500's forward valuation of nearly 23 times earnings. While current consensus forecasts for second-quarter earnings growth have moderated to 6%, down from 10% previously, full-year expectations remain at 8.5%. Given increasing investor optimism, further multiple expansion remains plausible, even if economic indicators remain soft.

In line with our process, the Fund began the quarter with defensive positioning. Cash and cash equivalent weightings sat between 30%-50% depending on the product. As the year progressed and market health generally improved, we moved to a fully invested position.

The S&P 500 denominated in USD for the first half of the year was up 6.20% on a year-to-date basis. In comparison, the S&P 500, denominated in CAD dollars, was up just 0.56% on a year-to-date basis. This underscores the drastic move in the CAD/USD foreign exchange rate so far this year. Throughout the first half of the year, the Fund fully hedged the USD exposure back to CAD to avoid being negatively impacted by this move.

Throughout the first half of 2025, the Manager repositioned the Fund into different sectors, increasing its exposure to the industrials, communication services and materials sectors while at the same time reducing its exposure to the financials, consumer staples and fixed income sectors.

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Individually, the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, and MSCI World Net Total Return Index (CAD) posted returns of 1.4%, 10.2%, and 3.7%, respectively, with most sectors experiencing positive returns due to investor optimism about the resolution of trade disputes and anticipated easing in monetary and fiscal conditions during the six-month period.

The industrials sector exposure increased to 10.2% from 6.9% due to strong demand in commercial aerospace and infrastructure-related activities. Industrial related positions such as Howmet Aerospace Inc. and WSP Global Inc., had a positive impact on the Fund's performance which gained 32.2% and 13.5%, respectively.

The communications services sector exposure increased to approximately 3.6% from 3.2% due to appreciation in the share price of Meta Platforms Inc. as investors gained increased confidence around the company's AI monetization strategy. Communication services related positions such as Meta Platforms Inc. which gained 5.8% had a positive impact on the Fund's performance.

In addition, existing positions in the materials sector weighting increased to approximately 6.2% from 2.9% over the six-month period, as the sector benefited rising gold prices amid concerns of excessive inflation. Materials related positions such as Kinross Gold Corporation and Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd., all had a positive impact on the Fund's performance which gained 20.0% and 15.7%, respectively.

During the six-month period, the Fund reduced its exposure in the financials sector weighting to 20.2% from 25.7% as a result of this sector underperforming due to negative impacts from heightened market volatility and weaker performance of select insurance providers during the six-month period. Financial sector related positions such as Progressive Corporation and Manulife Financial Corporation had a negative impact on the Fund's performance by -2.3% and -3.9%, respectively.

Furthermore, existing positions in the consumer staples sector weightings were reduced from the portfolio to approximately 3.3% from 6.1% as a result of sector underperformance amid investor rotation toward more economically sensitive sectors and growth-oriented investments. Consumer staples sector weighting related positions such as Costco Wholesale Corporation had a negative impact on the Fund's performance by -2.5%.

The bond market was weak throughout the first half of 2025 as it responded negatively to rising interest rates driven by persistent inflation concerns. The fixed income sector weighting remained at 33.0% of the portfolio due to a defensive positioning aimed at mitigating ongoing market volatility. The portfolio maintained a cautious approach given continued upward pressure on yields. Corporate and US Government Treasury bills were added to the portfolio due to their relatively lower volatility and defensive characteristics amid an uncertain rate environment. Fixed income related positions such as a U.S Treasury Bill 0.25% 30SEPT2025 which gained 0.4% and Heavy Metal Equipment & Rentals 7.25% 26FEB2023 which lost -2.5%, had a net negative impact on the Funds' performance.

The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses, which vary year over year. The Fund's income and expenses changed compared to the previous year, mainly as a result of fluctuations in average net assets, portfolio activity, and changes in the Fund's investments.

Recent Developments

Looking ahead, investor sentiment appears optimistic that trade disputes and budget negotiations will ultimately resolve favorably, bolstering the economy through fiscal stimulus, particularly in capital expenditures. This optimism is reflected in sector performance, with industrials leading in the first half and financials experiencing recent gains, signaling market confidence in steady economic activity and stable inflation and interest rates.

We enter the second half of the year fully invested, with seasonality at our back, and expect better liquidity conditions to drive asset prices higher.

Related Party Transactions

Related party transactions consist of services provided by the Manager to the Fund. Pursuant to the management agreement, the Manager receives a management fee from the Fund amounting to 1.95% and 0.95% from Class A and Class F unitholders of the Fund, respectively. The Manager may also receive a negotiated management fee directly from Class I unitholders. Management fees are accrued in arrears daily (plus applicable taxes) and paid monthly. The management fee is in consideration for providing management, portfolio management, and administrative services and facilities to the Fund, as well as trailing commissions paid to dealers for Class A units.

The percentages and major services paid out of management fees are set out below:

Units	As a percentage of Management Fees		
	Management Fees (%)	Dealer Compensation (%)	General Administration, Investment Advice and Profit (%)
Class A	1.95	51	49
Class F	0.95	-	100
Class I	-	-	-

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, the management fee earned, inclusive of applicable taxes, was \$0.2 million.

As compensation for its services as a portfolio advisor of the Fund, the Portfolio Advisor is entitled to receive a performance fee (the "Performance Fee") from the Class A units and Class F units of the Fund equal to 20% of the amount by which the NAV per unit of that class of the Fund at the end of a year (the "Year End Class NAV per Unit") exceeds the annual target NAV per unit of that class of the Fund (the "Year End Target Class NAV per Unit"), multiplied by the number of outstanding units of that class of the Fund at the end of that year (the "Year End Class Units"), plus applicable taxes.

The Performance Fees are calculated and accrued daily and paid at the end of each year or upon redemption. There were no accrued Performance Fees for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025.

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Financial Highlights – June 30, 2025

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Class A, F, and I units of the Fund, respectively, and are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance for the past 5 years, and the interim period.

The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class A Unit (1)						
Net asset value, beginning of period	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.17	0.33	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.29
Total expenses	(0.18)	(0.33)	(0.30)	(0.31)	(0.33)	(0.29)
Realized gains/(losses) for the period	0.46	1.43	(0.36)	0.23	1.99	0.46
Unrealized gains/(losses) for the period	(0.42)	0.08	0.11	(1.06)	0.14	(0.08)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	\$0.03	\$1.51	(\$0.23)	(\$0.83)	\$2.12	\$0.38
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	-	-
From capital gains	-	(0.37)	-	(0.01)	(1.11)	-
Return of capital	(0.15)	(0.01)	(0.30)	(0.28)	-	(0.30)
Total annual distributions (2) (3)	(\$0.15)	(\$0.39)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.30)	(\$1.11)	(\$0.30)
Net asset value, end of period (2)	\$11.33	\$11.42	\$10.34	\$10.77	\$11.89	\$10.94
Ratios and Supplemental Data						
Total net asset value (4)	\$10,917,801	\$12,514,284	\$13,953,161	\$18,846,589	\$22,856,204	\$21,506,963
Number of units outstanding (4)	963,980	1,095,515	1,349,493	1,749,950	1,921,973	1,966,391
Management expense ratio (5)	3.12%	2.89%	2.86%	2.63%	2.65%	2.73%
Trading expense ratio (6)	0.35%	0.10%	0.17%	0.19%	0.21%	0.27%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	133.68%	82.98%	226.66%	198.34%	150.39%	240.45%
Net asset value per unit	\$11.33	\$11.42	\$10.34	\$10.77	\$11.89	\$10.94
The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class F Unit (1)						
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$12.63	\$11.42	\$11.73	\$12.78	\$11.59	\$11.18
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.19	0.37	0.35	0.34	0.34	0.30
Total expenses	(0.13)	(0.23)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.21)	(0.19)
Realized gains/(losses) for the period	0.47	1.56	(0.38)	0.23	2.09	0.47
Unrealized gains/(losses) for the period	(0.57)	0.14	0.06	(1.10)	0.13	(0.01)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	(\$0.04)	\$1.84	(\$0.18)	(\$0.74)	\$2.35	\$0.57
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.14)	(0.10)	(0.11)	(0.08)	(0.11)
From capital gains	-	(0.38)	-	(0.01)	(1.17)	-
Return of capital	(0.14)	(0.01)	(0.20)	(0.18)	-	(0.19)
Total annual distributions (2) (3)	(\$0.14)	(\$0.53)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.30)	(\$1.25)	(\$0.30)
Net asset value, end of period (2)	\$12.61	\$12.63	\$11.42	\$11.73	\$12.78	\$11.59
Ratios and Supplemental Data						
Total net asset value (4)	\$8,549,167	\$14,514,147	\$16,943,053	\$26,265,948	\$26,173,624	\$22,143,928
Number of units outstanding (4)	677,942	1,148,865	1,483,861	2,238,577	2,048,240	1,910,945
Management expense ratio (5)	2.01%	1.79%	1.76%	1.57%	1.55%	1.62%
Trading expense ratio (6)	0.35%	0.10%	0.17%	0.19%	0.21%	0.27%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	133.68%	82.98%	226.66%	198.34%	150.39%	240.45%
Net asset value per unit	\$12.61	\$12.63	\$11.42	\$11.73	\$12.78	\$11.59

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class I Unit (1)	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$13.85	\$12.82	\$13.00	\$13.99	\$12.79	\$12.18
Increase (decrease) from operations:						
Total revenue	0.21	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.38	0.34
Total expenses	(0.07)	(0.11)	(0.10)	(0.08)	(0.08)	(0.08)
Realized gains/(losses) for the period	0.55	1.83	(0.25)	0.23	2.32	0.45
Unrealized gains/(losses) for the period	(0.64)	0.06	(0.25)	(1.20)	0.16	(0.34)
Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)	\$0.05	\$2.19	(\$0.21)	(\$0.68)	\$2.78	\$0.37
Distributions:						
From net investment income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.30)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.10)	(0.26)
From capital gains	-	(0.76)	-	(0.02)	(1.47)	-
Return of capital	(0.15)	(0.01)	(0.02)	(0.03)	-	(0.02)
Total annual distributions (2) (3)	(\$0.15)	(\$1.07)	(\$0.29)	(\$0.30)	(\$1.57)	(\$0.28)
Net asset value, end of period (2)	\$13.91	\$13.85	\$12.82	\$13.00	\$13.99	\$12.79
Ratios and Supplemental Data						
Total net asset value (4)	\$203,533	\$252,907	\$263,690	\$529,416	\$367,126	\$304,092
Number of units outstanding (4)	14,632	18,265	18,464	40,734	26,246	23,784
Management expense ratio (5)	0.95%	0.73%	0.67%	0.47%	0.48%	0.56%
Trading expense ratio (6)	0.35%	0.10%	0.17%	0.19%	0.21%	0.27%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	133.68%	82.98%	226.66%	198.34%	150.39%	240.45%
Net asset value per unit	\$13.91	\$13.85	\$12.82	\$13.00	\$13.99	\$12.79

Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's interim financial statements for June 30, 2025, and is not a reconciliation of beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase/(decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial period.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This information is provided as at June 30, 2025, and December 31, of the year shown, as applicable.
- (5) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions, commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated period and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period.
- (6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the period. Included in the trading expense ratio are the forward fees.
- (7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the units in its portfolio once in the course of the period. The higher a fund's portfolio turnover rate in the period, the greater the trading costs payable by a fund in the period, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the period. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

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Past Performance – June 30, 2025

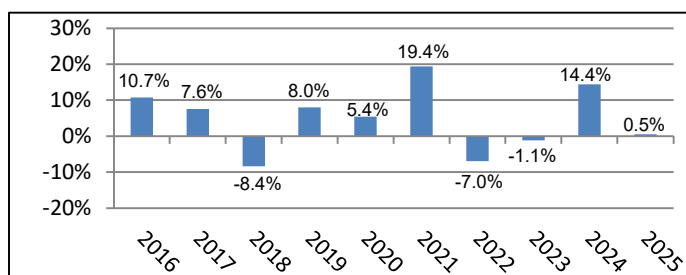
The following information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the period shown were reinvested in additional securities of the investment fund and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

Year-by-Year Returns

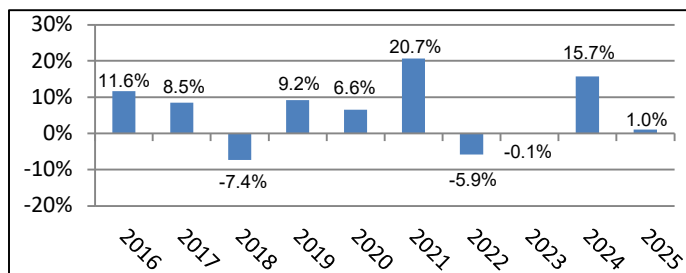
The following bar charts show the Fund's annual performance for each of the years shown, as applicable, and illustrates how the Fund's performance has changed from year to year. The bar chart shows, in percentage terms, how much an investment in Class A, F, and I units, respectively, made on the first day of each financial year would have grown or decreased by the last day of the financial year or interim period.

The annual returns for the years ended December 31, and the six-month period ended June 30, 2025, are as follows:

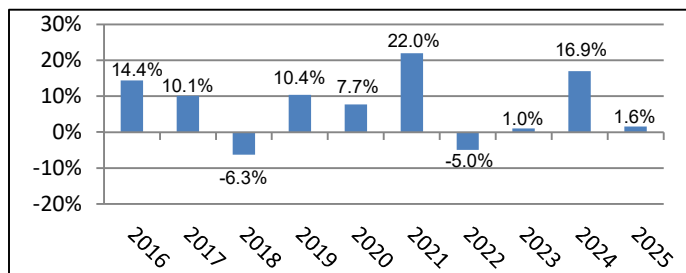
Class A



Class F



Class I



Benchmark(s) Information

The benchmark for the Fund is determined by a compounded 50:25:25 blend of the FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, MSCI World Net Total Return Index denominated in Canadian dollars and the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index. The FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index is comprised of a broadly diversified selection of investment-grade Government of Canada, provincial, corporate and municipal bonds issued in Canada.¹ The MSCI World Net Total Return Index (CAD) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to capture large and mid-cap representations across developed markets. The MSCI World Net Total Return Index (CAD) consists of 23 developed country indices.² The S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index is the headline index for the Canadian Equity market. It is the broadest in the S&P/TSX family and is the basis for multiple sub-indices including but not limited to Equity Indices, Income Trust Indices, Capped Indices, GICS Indices, and Market Cap based Indices.³

¹ "FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index." Ground Rules for FTSE TMX Canada Universe and Maple Bond Index Series v4.3 Web. June 30, 2025.

² "MSCI World Net Total Return Index (CAD)." MSCI Index Fact Sheet. Web. June 30, 2025.

³ "S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index." S&P Dow Jones Indices by S&P Global. Web. June 30, 2025.

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Summary of Investment Portfolio as at June 30, 2025

The following table shows selected key financial information about the Fund and is intended to assist in the understanding of the Fund's financial performance for the six-month period ended June 30, 2025.

Portfolio Composition*	
Sector Allocation	% of Net Asset Value
Corporate Bonds	33.0
Financials	20.2
Energy	12.8
Industrials	10.2
Information Technology	6.8
Materials	6.2
Communication Services	3.6
Consumer Discretionary	3.3
Consumer Staples	3.3
Cash and cash equivalents	2.3
Foreign Currency Forward Contracts	1.0
Other Assets and Liabilities	(2.7)
Total Portfolio Allocation	100.0%
Total Net Asset Value (in millions)	\$19.7

Top 25 Holdings	
Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
ATS Corporation 6.500% 21AUG32	5.8
Heavy Metal Equipment & Rentals 7.250% 26FEB30	5.5
Rogers Communications Inc. 5.625% 15APR55	4.1
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd.	3.8
Meta Platforms Inc.	3.6
Howmet Aerospace Inc.	3.5
Bank of Montreal	3.4
Expand Energy Corporation.	3.4
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3.4
Microsoft Corporation	3.4
NVIDIA Corporation	3.4
WSP Global Inc.	3.4
Banco Santander SA	3.3
Darden Restaurants Inc.	3.3
GE Vernova LLC	3.3
Loblaw Cos Ltd.	3.3
TELUS Corporation 6.250% 21JUL55	3.3
Air Canada 4.625% 15AUG29	3.2
ARC Resources Ltd.	3.2
Cheniere Energy Inc.	3.2
Intact Financial Corporation	3.2
Sleep Country Canada Inc. 6.625% 28NOV32	3.2
Videotron Ltd. 3.625% 15JUN28	3.2
Visa Inc.	3.2
Nutrien Ltd.	3.1
Total Percentage of Net Asset Value Represented by Holdings	88.7%

*The Investment Portfolio may change due to ongoing portfolio transactions of the Fund. Quarterly updates of the Investment Portfolio are available within 60 days of each quarter end.

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