

# Saturna Growth Fund Commentary



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In the first quarter of 2026 the Saturna Growth Fund Investor Shares declined -7.07%, while the Saturna Growth Fund Z Shares declined -7.02%. For the same period, the Bloomberg US Large Cap Index (a proxy for the S&P 500 Index) returned -4.67%, while the Bloomberg 1000 Growth Index (a proxy for the Russell 1000 Growth Index) returned -7.67%. The fund exceeded the Morningstar US Fund Large growth category return of -8.44% for the period.

Relative to the Growth Index, the portfolio 's largest underweight is Health Care and its largest overweight is in Consumer Staples. Technology was the greatest detractor to absolute performance while Industrials were the top contributor. Relative to the benchmark, Health Care was the biggest detractor due to poor stock selection, while Industrials were the top contributor due to positive allocation and selection effects.

Top contributors consisted primarily of Industrial names supporting the data center buildout and defensive companies with businesses insulated from the Iran war. Out top contributor was Quanta Services, the leading specialty contractor of power transmission and distribution. Quanta reported a nearly 50% increase in their backlog to \$44 billion during the quarter. Costco was our second best contributor during the quarter as the market rewarded companies with stable, predictable earnings amid heightened war-related uncertainty. Motorola Solutions ranked as our third-best contributor, with its integrated software and hardware offering avoiding the quarter's software selloff while strong demand in its public safety and government portfolio drove performance.

10 Largest Contributors	Return <sup>1</sup>	Contribution
Quanta Services	30.11%	0.83
Costco Wholesale	15.71%	0.59
Motorola Solutions	13.52%	0.38
Monolithic Power Systems	20.85%	0.26
Johnson Controls International	9.68%	0.18
TJX	4.25%	0.15
EMCOR Group	20.75%	0.12
Corteva	25.16%	0.12
Ferguson Enterprises	5.60%	0.09
NextEra Energy	16.46%	0.09

10 Largest Detractors	Return <sup>1</sup>	Contribution
Microsoft	-23.28%	-2.34
Oracle	-24.33%	-0.97
Boston Scientific	-34.19%	-0.94
Alphabet Class A	-8.06%	-0.82
Amazon Com	-9.77%	-0.80
Broadcom	-10.39%	-0.61
ServiceNow	-31.75%	-0.59
Nvidia	-6.48%	-0.55
Apple	-6.56%	-0.51
Meta Platforms Class A	-13.25%	-0.38

Top 10 Holdings	Portfolio Weight
Alphabet, Class A	9.98%
Nvidia	8.57%
Microsoft	8.24%
Amazon.com	7.54%
Apple	7.50%
Broadcom	5.54%
Costco Wholesale	4.78%
TJX Companies	3.79%
Motorola Solutions	3.66%
Oracle	3.33%

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Microsoft and Oracle were our top two detractors during the quarter, respectively. Both are exposed to the two themes that the market discounted during the first quarter: software and GPU cloud computing. We expect their cloud businesses to accelerate during the year as artificial intelligence (AI) compute capacity is increasingly tight. Boston Scientific, a medtech company that sells minimally invasive devices across cardiovascular and general surgery categories, reported disappointing guidance for 2026 as organic revenue slows in their key electrophysiology and Watchman products. Poor results from Boston Scientific explain our relative underperformance in the Health Care sector.

Notable changes to the portfolio during the quarter include trimming our position in Quanta Services and adding to our EMCOR Group position.

Average Annual Total Returns	Since Inception <sup>2</sup>	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Expense Ratio <sup>3</sup>
Saturna Growth Fund Investor Shares (SSGFX)	9.44%	18.34%	16.33%	9.39%	13.51%	0.98%
Saturna Growth Fund Z Shares (SGZFX)	13.77%	18.63%	16.61%	9.65%	n/a	0.75%
Bloomberg US Large Cap Total Return Index	10.42%	17.84%	18.54%	11.71%	14.27%	n/a
Bloomberg 1000 Growth Total Return Index	n/a	18.04%	19.46%	11.26%	15.69%	n/a

(as of March 31, 2026, Net of Fees)

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<sup>1</sup>Returns are as of quarter-ended March 31, 2026.

<sup>2</sup>Saturna Growth Fund began operations April 1, 1987, as the Northwest Growth Fund. It began operations under its current objective Sept. 28, 1995. Z Shares of the Saturna Growth Fund began operations June 2, 2017.

<sup>3</sup>Expense ratios shown are as stated in the Fund's most recent Prospectus, dated March 30, 2026.

Bloomberg US Large Cap Total Return Index is a float market-cap-weighted benchmark of the 500 most highly capitalized US companies.

Bloomberg US 1000 Growth Total Return Index provides exposure to companies with superior growth factor scores based on their earnings yield, valuation, dividend yield, and growth.

When available, Saturna uses total return components of indices mentioned. Investors cannot invest directly in the indices.

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