Saturna International Fund Commentary



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In the second quarter of 2025, the Z Shares of the Saturna International Fund returned 18.07% compared to a gain of 12.07% for the MSCI EAFE Index. For the same period, Investor Shares of the Fund returned 18.02%. Information Technology, Industrials, and Consumer Discretionary led sector contribution gains, while Health Care and Materials were the largest detractors.

The market concerns experienced in the first quarter regarding a slowdown in technology investments as well as worst case tariff policy were largely reversed during the quarter. The top individual contributors during the quarter included Broadcom, Mercado Libre, and Ferguson. Detractors came from Dassault Systemes and Novo Nordisk, among others.

A notable new position that was added during the quarter is Fujikura, a Japan-based manufacturer of optical fiber cables and solutions. Fujikura is the global leader in ultra-high-density optical fibers, which are used in the most compute-intensive data centers as well as telecom networks. The company's products allow significant reductions in space, heat, and installation expenses. Smaller positions were established in CRH, an Ireland-based aggregates producer with heavy exposure to North America, and Smith & Nephew, a UK-based medical device manufacturer specializing in orthopedics and wound care. After a long and successful run, Nintendo was exited during the guarter as valuations had run above a 40x price-to-earnings ratio and capital was needed to fund newer, less mature ideas.

10 Largest Contributors	Return	Contribution
Broadcom	65.02%	3.64
MercadoLibre	33.97%	2.67
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing ADR	36.92%	2.17
Ferguson Enterprises	36.42%	1.31
ASML Holding ADR	21.32%	1.18
Johnson Controls	32.32%	1.07
Eaton	31.79%	0.77
Wolters Kluwer	8.47%	0.73
SAP ADR	14.31%	0.72
Fujikura	31.07%	0.68

10 Largest Detractors	Return	Contribution
Dassault Systemes ADR	-4.35%	-0.25
Alcon	-6.65%	-0.15
Novo-Nordisk ADR	-0.60%	-0.10
AstraZeneca ADR	-4.93%	-0.08
Rio Tinto ADR	-2.91%	-0.07
CRH Public Limited	-6.20%	-0.06
Accenture Class A	-3.72%	-0.03
ASML Holding	0.00%	0.00
SAP Ord Shs	0.00%	0.00
Dassault Systemes	0.00%	0.00

Top 10 Holdings	Portfolio Weight
MercadoLibre	8.21%
Broadcom	7.73%
Taiwan Semiconductor ADS	7.07%
ASML Holding NY	5.63%
SAP ADS	4.79%
Novo Nordisk ADS	4.62%
Fujikura	4.47%
Dassault Systemes ADR	4.47%
Ferguson Enterprises	4.24%
Wolters Kluwer	4.22%

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Against the backdrop of continued trade uncertainty, slowing economic growth, and elevated geopolitical risks, the strategy remains focused on identifying highquality companies with low debt and recession-resilient business models that compound value through economic cycles. Such businesses often displace or acquire weaker competition during downturns while reinvesting to widen their moats during expansions.

Given the unqiue nature of this bifurcated economy¹, we are particularly focused on companies that are enablers of productivity enhancement, disciplined adopters of these same technologies, and practitioners who are both leading vendors and internal users of their own solutions. Conversely, we believe businesses overly dependent on discretionary consumer spending may face sustained headwinds as the delayed consumer recession finally materializes.

¹ To learn more about the current bifurcated economy, please read our Q2 2025 Equity Market Commentary: <u>www.saturna.com/insights/market-commentaries/equity-markets-q22025</u>

Average Annual Total Returns	Since Inception ¹	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Expense Ratio ²
Saturna International Fund Investor Shares (SSIFX)	7.04%	-8.63%	1.95%	10.06%	6.49%	0.96%
Saturna International Fund Z Shares (SIFZX)	7.45%	-8.43%	2.19%	10.30%	n/a	0.73%
Bloomberg Developed Markets ex US Large & Mid Cap	n/a	5.98%	6.38%	12.82%	6.10%	n/a
MSCI EAFE Index	5.61%	5.41%	6.60%	12.31%	5.91%	n/a

(as of June 30, 2025, Net of Fees)

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¹Saturna International Fund began operations September 28, 1995. Z Shares of the Saturna International Fund began operations June 2, 2017.

² Expense ratios and portfolio turnover are as stated in the Fund's most recent Prospectus, dated March 31, 2025.

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