

**Fund Commentary**

**Q2 2021**





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Last quarter we posited that accelerated vaccine distribution would spur reopenings, increased economic activity, higher inflation, and strong corporate earnings. Despite the rising rate environment at the time – the year-to-date peak yield for the US 10-year Treasury was 1.74% on March 31 – we noted that market weakness during a time of economic ebullience would be unusual. Our crystal ball need not have been polished to a high sheen to proffer these prognostications, and they have indeed come to pass. By quarter-end, 66% of American adults had received one vaccine dose and 57% had been fully vaccinated.<sup>1</sup> While much of the world continues to struggle with the more contagious Delta variant, higher vaccination rates in the US appear to have blunted the threat, at least in those regions with greater vaccination acceptance. This has allowed a return to almost normal economic activity, and the Conference Board now forecasts 2021 GDP growth of 6.6% followed by 3.8% in 2022.<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile, surging demand, combined with still-challenged supply chains, drove inflation sharply higher. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 5% annualized inflation at the end of May.<sup>3</sup> First quarter corporate earnings demonstrated strength, notwithstanding the occasional weak report from pandemic darlings such as Clorox, which rode an early demand wave until consumers were equipped with several years' supply of wipes and had little need for more. As expected, US stock markets shrugged off inflation worries; the S&P 500 Index returned 8.55% over the second quarter, pushing the year-to-date return to 15.25%. The bond market was equally sanguine as the 10-year Treasury yield slipped from 1.74% at the end of the first quarter to 1.47% on June 30.

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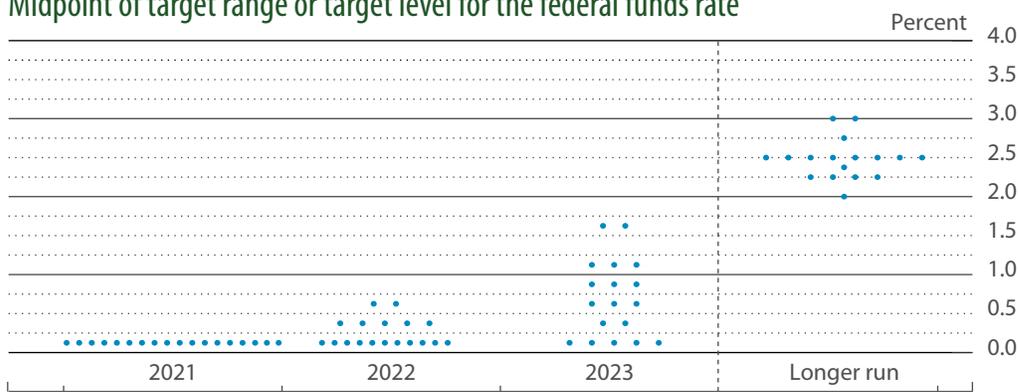
## Environment and Outlook

While we had a good idea of how some things would play out over the quarter, there were also uncertainties, primarily political. During the first quarter, the US administration proposed infrastructure bills and changes to the tax code. It now appears that a slimmed-down bipartisan infrastructure bill may pass in some form. As for taxes, little has moved forward on the domestic front, but the administration has won international backing with 130 countries, including every member of the Group of 20, for a global minimum tax of 15%. The OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) estimates that governments lose \$100 billion to \$240 billion every year to tax avoidance, so the revenue will not make a huge difference to national budgets, but it could affect individual corporate earnings for multinationals that have employed Irish domicile, royalty schemes, and other dodges. Of course, congressional approval is dubious.



Inflation, interest rates, and Federal Reserve policy will likely dominate discussions for the rest of 2021. Fed Chairman Jerome Powell remains committed to his view that the current bout of inflation will be transitory but acknowledges that a longer period of high inflation is a possibility.<sup>4</sup> Indeed, the Federal Reserve has become quite divided on the outlook. While the majority of governors still anticipate no interest rate hikes until 2023, expectations for that year are all over the map, as shown in the “FOMC participants’ assessments of appropriate monetary policy” dot plot. A vocal minority has emerged, arguing for quicker action to head off the risk of inflation expectations becoming embedded. Before any change to the federal funds rate, of course, the quantitative easing program that currently has the Fed purchasing \$120 billion of Treasury securities and government-backed mortgage debt every month will need to be wound down, ideally without creating a “taper tantrum.”

### FOMC participants’ assessments of appropriate monetary policy: Midpoint of target range or target level for the federal funds rate



Source: FederalReserve.gov

Each shaded circle indicates the value (rounded to the nearest 1/8 percentage point) of an individual participant’s judgment of the midpoint of the appropriate target range for the federal funds rate or the appropriate target level for the federal funds rate at the end of the specified calendar year or over the longer run. One participant did not submit longer-run projections for the federal funds rate.

We view the wide range of opinions within the Fed as an affirmation of our long-term investment approach. If the governors of the Federal Reserve can’t agree on the future path for inflation and interest rates, how could we possibly create value for our investors by attempting trade around such expectations? Rather, we continue to focus on the best companies built for the long haul that we anticipate will provide outperformance over the cycle.

## Spotlight on Renewable Energy Production

The second quarter returned promising updates on national renewable energy projects. The US announced it would place tariffs on solar panels manufactured in China, opening a path for the US to develop a domestic industry. The US also announced a goal to have offshore wind energy powering 10 million homes by 2030, and in mid-May, the US Department of the Interior approved the first commercial-scale offshore project.

Harnessing offshore wind power will play a major role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and while offshore projects in Europe already provide a portion of its overall energy needs, the US has been slow on the uptake. An 800-megawatt wind farm will be located 12 nautical miles south of Martha's Vineyard. The farm is expected to begin delivering electricity to Massachusetts in 2023, will power more than 400,000 homes and businesses, and is anticipated to create 3,600 jobs.<sup>5</sup>

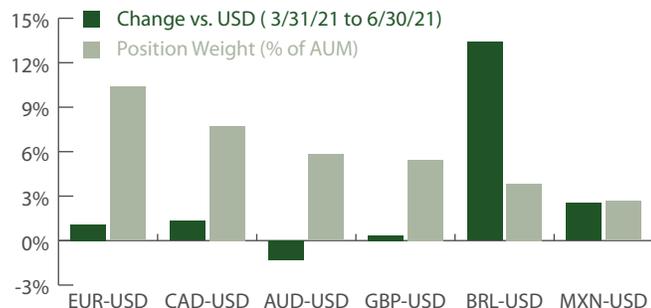
The announcement also identified an area between Long Island and the New Jersey coast as a priority location for offshore wind development; the Department of the Interior estimates that up to 2,000 wind turbines could be operating in the Atlantic by 2030.

## Saturna Sustainable Bond Fund

For the quarter ended June 30, 2021, Saturna Sustainable Bond Fund returned 1.68%, relative to 1.24% for the FTSE WorldBIG Index. The Fund posted a one-year return of 4.60%, outperforming the benchmark by 265 basis points, which returned 1.95% over the same period.

At the quarter-end, the portfolio had a total exposure to foreign currency of 35.86%. Foreign currency movements were the primary drivers of the best and worst performing securities for the quarter. The Brazilian real appreciated 13.41% relative to the dollar. Both the "AAA" rated 2023 IFC bond and the 2022 Brazilian sovereign bond are denominated in the real, returning 12.62% and 13.32% respectively. Over the quarter, the Fund increased the Canadian dollar exposure to 7.73% of the portfolio and decreased the Mexican peso exposure to 2.65%. The Fund maintained an underweight allocation to the euro relative to the Index, holding 10.37% while the Index maintained an allocation of over 31%. The movement in the Canadian dollar impacted the CAD-denominated 2025 Toronto Dominion Bank bond; while the currency appreciated overall during the quarter, volatility in the exchange rate from the May purchase resulted in a total return of -2.75%.

### Currency Exposures



The first half of 2021 saw renewed volatility, with 10-year yields in "AA", "A", and "BBB" rated bonds rising as much as 80 basis points the first quarter but falling again on the long-end in the second quarter. The best performance was in longer and lower-rated securities. The "BB" rating category experienced declines in yields by as much as 59 basis points.

Even with stronger economic growth on the horizon, we continue to focus on purchasing holdings well positioned with strong cash flow and financial flexibility. Defensive positioning in the portfolio is geared to withstand an uneven economic recovery and possible challenges with

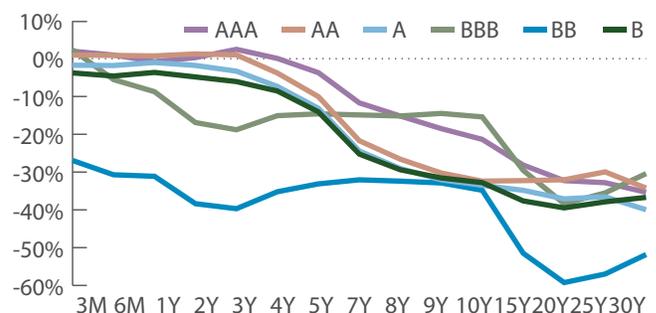
As of June 30, 2021

Top 10 Holdings	Portfolio Weight
Lincoln National	5.44%
Canadian Imperial Bank	4.59%
Iron Mountain	3.96%
European Investment Bank	3.94%
Telfon Celular del Paraguay	3.53%
NextEra Energy Capital	3.48%
Bank of Nova Scotia	3.08%
Koninklijke KPN NV	2.98%
International BK Recon & Develop	2.59%
MAF Sukuk	2.52%

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emerging COVID-19 variants. Globally, we recognize a recovery is likely to be uneven; vaccination rates have a wide dispersion between high-income and low-income countries. In conjunction with extensive credit reviews, we added more to "BB" rated securities, anticipating stronger cash flows in industries such as retail and taking advantage of falling yields.

### Change in Corporate Yield Curve 3/31/21 vs. 6/30/21



Variation in inflation expectations were a driving force in the changing shape of the yield curve. At the beginning of May, commodities started to roll over, led by the prices of lumber, grain, and industrial metal. At its meeting on June 16, the Federal Reserve released its median

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## Saturna Sustainable Equity Fund

As of June 30, 2021

At the close of the quarter, the Saturna Sustainable Equity Fund fell behind the S&P Global 1200 Index, returning 4.62% versus 7.53% for the Index. The year-to-date spread between Fund and Index was a bit wider, with returns of 5.58% and 13.22%, respectively. Top performers for the quarter included some of the usual suspects in Pharmaceuticals and Tech, while the more approachable household names Adidas and L’Oreal proved to have some spark.

Adidas, based in Germany, and L’Oreal, based in France, have been longtime holdings of the Fund and maintain excellent sustainability profiles. Both companies are established leaders in energy and climate change. Adidas published its first sustainability report in 2001 and remains the only sporting goods company to publish a sustainability update on an annual basis. It exemplifies a company that fully incorporates responsibility for the planet into its ethos and operations. Adidas has committed to reducing both its own and its suppliers’ greenhouse gas emissions by 30% over 2017 levels by 2030, and it has committed to achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

Meanwhile, cosmetics giant L’Oreal — with its 35 global brands and 1.2 billion annual consumers — has similarly bold climate action goals, extending beyond CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by its own plants and distribution centers to the transport of its products, as well. In 2020, L’Oreal reported that it had beat the emissions reduction goals it set in 2005 by healthy margins in both scopes.

The Top 10 Detractors for the second quarter include wind energy leaders Vestas Wind Systems and Siemens Gamesa. TPI Composites, manufacturer of wind turbine blades, was also a major detractor for the quarter, after a stunning return of nearly 33% for the first quarter. With huge opportunities for growth in wind power projects, however, we remain optimistic that our investments in these companies are well positioned to generate healthy returns in the quarters to come.

10 Largest Contributors	Return	Contribution
Adobe	23.20%	0.49
Novo Nordisk ADS	24.25%	0.38
L’Oreal ADR	18.00%	0.34
Adidas ADS	20.22%	0.33
Novozymes ADR	17.51%	0.33
Wolters Kluwer	16.64%	0.32
Atlassian, Class A	21.87%	0.31
Legrand	15.38%	0.29
Apple	12.31%	0.27
GlaxoSmithKline ADS	13.08%	0.24

10 Largest Detractors	Return	Contribution
Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy	-13.93%	-0.27
Vestas Wind Systems	-10.85%	-0.23
Koninklijke Philips	-11.25%	-0.20
Sony ADS	-8.29%	-0.16
Hartalega Holdings	-16.26%	-0.11
Iberdrola	-5.61%	-0.10
TPI Composites	-14.19%	-0.08
Unicharm ADS	-4.59%	-0.07
Murata Manufacturing	-4.50%	-0.07
STMicroelectronics	-4.93%	-0.07

Top 10 Holdings	Portfolio Weight
Adobe	2.52%
Apple	2.36%
CGI Group, Class A	2.34%
Wolters Kluwer	2.16%
Novozymes A/S ADR	2.13%
Adidas ADS	2.09%
L’Oreal ADR	2.08%
Legrand	2.08%
Home Depot	2.06%
Accenture, Class A	2.03%

## Performance Summary

As of June 30, 2021

Average Annual Total Returns <i>(Before Taxes)</i>	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception <sup>B</sup>	Expense Ratio <sup>A</sup>	
						Gross	Net
<b>Sustainable Equity Fund (SEEFX)</b>	5.58%	28.76%	16.66%	15.57%	10.73%	0.78%	0.75%
S&P Global 1200 Index	13.22%	39.13%	15.33%	15.39%	11.82%	n/a	
S&P 500 Index	15.25%	40.79%	18.64%	17.64%	14.76%	n/a	
<b>Sustainable Bond Fund (SEBFX)</b>	-0.09%	4.60%	3.88%	3.00%	2.55%	0.85%	0.65%
FTSE WorldBIG Index	-3.51%	1.95%	4.19%	2.40%	2.99%	n/a	
MSCI All Country World Index	12.56%	39.87%	15.11%	15.19%	11.47%	n/a	

<sup>A</sup> By regulation, expense ratios shown are as stated in a Fund's most recent prospectus or summary prospectus, dated March 30, 2021 and incorporate results from the fiscal year ended November 30, 2020. Saturna Capital, the Funds' investment adviser, has voluntarily capped actual expenses of the Sustainable Equity Fund at 0.75% and actual expenses of the Sustainable Bond Fund at 0.65% through March 31, 2022.

<sup>B</sup> Saturna Sustainable Equity Fund and Saturna Sustainable Bond Fund began operations on March 27, 2015.

**Performance data quoted herein represents past performance, which is no guarantee of future results.** Investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate so that an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance data quoted herein. Performance current to the most recent month-end can be obtained by visiting [www.saturnasustainable.com](http://www.saturnasustainable.com) or calling toll-free 1-800-728-8762.

The S&P 500 is an index comprised of 500 widely held common stocks considered to be representative of the US stock market in general. The S&P Global 1200 Index is a global stock market index covering nearly 70% of the world's equity markets. The FTSE WorldBIG Bond Index is a multi-asset, multi-currency benchmark, which provides a broad-based measure of the global fixed-income markets. The MSCI ACWI covers approximately 85% of the global investable universe, with large- and mid-cap representation across 23 developed market and 23 emerging market countries. The Bloomberg Barclays US Treasury Index measures US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate, nominal debt issued by the US Treasury. When available, Saturna uses total return components of indices mentioned. Investors cannot invest directly in the indices.

## Footnotes to commentary

<sup>1</sup> See *How Vaccinations Are Going in Your County and State*. New York Times, June 30, 2021. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/covid-19-vaccine-doses.html>

<sup>2</sup> *The Conference Board Economic Forecast for the US Economy*. The Conference Board, June 9, 2021. <https://www.conference-board.org/research/us-forecast>

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<sup>4</sup> *Smialek, Jeanna and Jim Tankersley. Fed Unity Cracks as Inflation Rises and Officials Debate Future*. New York Times, June 30, 2021. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/30/business/economy/inflation-federal-reserve.html>

<sup>5</sup> *Vineyard Wind Receives Record of Decision for First in the Nation Commercial Scale Offshore Wind Project*. Vineyard Wind, May 11, 2021. <https://www.vineyardwind.com/press-releases/2021/5/11/vineyard-wind-receives-record-of-decision>

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Morningstar Ratings™ <sup>c</sup>	Overall	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Sustainability Rating™ <sup>d</sup>
<b>Sustainable Equity Fund (SEEFX)</b>	★★★★★	n/a	★★★★★	★★★★★	 Percent Rank in Category: 2 Among 6,932 Global Equity Large Cap Funds
% Rank in World Large-Stock Blend Category	n/a	87	7	11	
Number of Funds in Category	282	332	282	239	
<b>Sustainable Bond Fund (SEBFX)</b>	★★★★	n/a	★★★	★★★★	 Percent Rank in Category: 3 Among 522 Global Fixed Income Funds
% Rank in World Bond Category	n/a	53	49	34	
Number of Funds in Category	185	206	185	170	

### The Morningstar Sustainability Rating is not based on fund performance and is not equivalent to the Morningstar Rating ("Star Rating").

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<sup>d</sup> Morningstar Sustainability Ratings are as of May 31, 2021. The Morningstar Sustainability Rating™ is intended to measure how well the issuing companies of the securities within a fund's portfolio are managing their environmental, social, and governance ("ESG") risks and opportunities relative to the fund's Morningstar category peers.

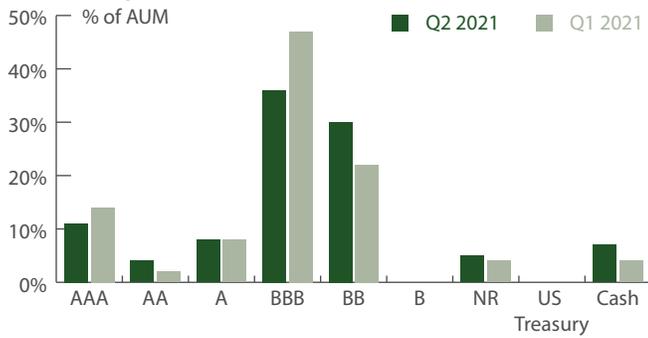
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The Fund's portfolios are actively managed and are subject to change, which may result in a different Morningstar Sustainability Score and Rating each month.

The Saturna Sustainable Equity Fund was rated on 100% and the Saturna Sustainable Bond Fund was rated on 81% of Assets Under Management.

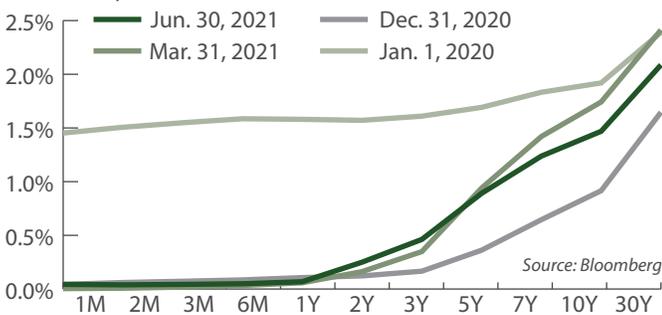
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**Bond Ratings Distribution**



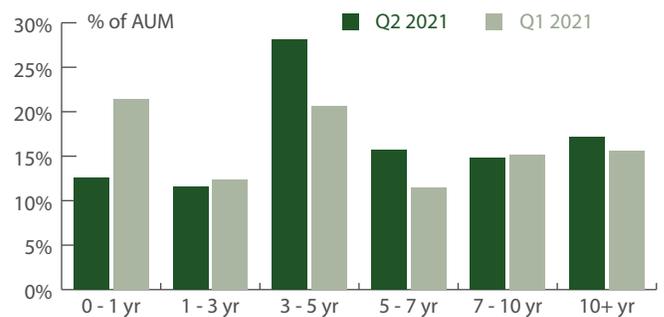
prediction of two rate hikes by 2023, showing that the Fed was closer to taking action than the market previously expected. This combination of cooling commodity prices and rate hike expectations contained inflation concerns to the near-term. The three-year US Treasury yield rose by 11 basis points from first quarter-end to second quarter-end, and the yield for the 30-year Treasury fell by 33 basis points for the same period.

**US Treasury Yields**



As of June 30, 2021, the Fund had an effective duration (price sensitivity to changes in interest rates) of 2.9 years. This is down from 5.4 years as of the end of 2020. The Fund moved out of maturities in the 10+ year space due to the steepening yield curve and sold the positions in long Treasuries. As of quarter-end, the Fund did not hold any positions in US Treasuries, instead shifting its allocation to the three-to-five-year bucket.

**Duration Profile**



The first half of 2021 has set up a battle of competing forces to be played out over the second half of the year. On one side are continued inflation concerns, a workforce that is rapidly adding jobs, and a high personal savings rate—all of which could overheat the economy and push the market to expect a more hawkish Fed. On the other side, there are eviction and student loan payment moratoriums coming to an end, the workforce participation rate still well below pre-pandemic levels, and the possibility that savers will sit on their cash piles rather than stimulate the economy with consumption. As this battle plays out, we will be actively collecting clues and positioning our sails to take advantage of the prevailing wind.

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