Dodge & Cox®
Investment Focus

Balanced Fund

September 30, 2025

Performance[1]

Total Returns (%)

	3 Months	YTD	Average Annual Total Returns: 1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	20 Years
Balanced Fund — Class I	3.49	12.35	9.65	14.95	11.98	9.87	7.74
Balanced Fund — Class X	3.52	12.44	9.75	15.06	12.05	9.91	7.76
Combined Index	5.66	11.43	11.67	16.71	9.62	10.00	8.10

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment return and share price will fluctuate with market conditions, and investors may have a gain or loss when shares are sold. Mutual Fund performance changes over time and currently may be significantly lower than stated above. Performance is updated and published monthly. Current month-end performance can be obtained at dodgeandcox.com or by calling 800-621-3979.

Market Commentary

Financial markets advanced in the third quarter of 2025 as investor enthusiasm for artificial intelligence (AI) and the Federal Reserve's quarter-point rate cut supported risk appetite. Against this backdrop, the U.S. economy remains resilient—with strong GDP growth and still-elevated inflation—even as labor market indicators have softened and uncertainty around tariffs and fiscal policy persists.

U.S. equities posted solid gains in the third quarter: the S&P 500 was up roughly 8% and set new record highs. Mega-cap technology and AI-focused companies continued to lead. Outside of the United States, international equities also advanced with broad-based gains across both developed and emerging markets.

In bond markets, the Bloomberg U.S. Agg returned 2% for the quarter. Positive performance was fueled by declining interest rates and strength in fixed income "spread" (i.e., non-Treasury) sectors. For example, both the Credit and Securitized sectors outpaced comparable-duration U.S. Treasuries.

Portfolio Strategy

During the third quarter, we made incremental adjustments to the Fund's equity and fixed income holdings, while maintaining a well-diversified asset allocation across a wide range of sectors and investment themes. As of September 30, the Fund held 46.0% in U.S. equities, 17.8% in non-U.S. equities, and 36.1% in fixed income securities plus cash.[2]

Within the Fund's equity allocation, we continue to focus on durable companies that have the potential to perform well across a variety of economic environments. This approach has led to meaningful allocations to companies in less cyclical sectors where valuations are more reasonable, particularly Health Care. That said, we have also found compelling investment opportunities in sectors with richer valuations, including Financials and Information Technology. For example, we initiated new positions this quarter in Aon, the second-largest global insurance and benefits brokerage, and Adobe, a software firm with dominant positions in content creation (e.g., Photoshop, Illustrator) and PDF editing (Acrobat).[3]

On the fixed income side, we continued to de-risk by further reducing the Fund's Corporate weight (now near multi-year lows) and increasing Securitized exposure (near multi-year highs). Even so, corporates remain a substantial allocation. While broad credit spreads are near multi-decade tights, we are selective and believe the Fund's credit investments are fundamentally sound, well diversified, and positioned to deliver attractive long-term returns. The Fund's Securitized allocation is primarily comprised of low coupon Agency[4] mortgage-backed securities, which we find compelling because of their low expected prepayment variability, favorable valuations, and high liquidity.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic about the Fund's long-term outlook and our ability to add value through active management. Thank you for your continued confidence in Dodge & Cox.

Performance Review (Fund's Class I Shares)

Third Quarter

Equity sector allocation was the main driver of the Fund's relative underperformance.

Equity Portfolio (vs. S&P 500)

Key contributors to relative results included the portfolio's:

- Stock selection in Energy, notably Baker Hughes;
- Consumer Discretionary stock selection, particularly Alibaba;
- Industrials holdings; and
- Positions in EchoStar, Elanco Animal Health, and Banco Santander.

Key detractors from relative results included the portfolio's:

- Underweight position and stock selection in Information Technology;
- Financials holdings and overweight position, mainly Fiserv;
- Overweight position and stock selection in Materials;
- Health Care overweight position; and
- Position in Charter Communications.

Fixed Income Portfolio (vs. Bloomberg U.S. Agg)

Key contributors to relative results included the portfolio's:

- Credit security selection, particularly Pemex, as well as Republic of Colombia and British American Tobacco; and
- Underweight to U.S. Treasuries and overweight to corporate bonds.

Key detractors from relative results included the portfolio's below-benchmark duration position.

Year to Date

Strong security selection within equities was the main driver of the Fund's relative outperformance. Fixed income security selection and sector allocation also benefited relative results. These factors were partially offset by weak equity sector allocation.

Equity Portfolio (vs. S&P 500)

Key contributors to relative results included the portfolio's:

- Stock selection and underweight position in Consumer Discretionary, particularly Alibaba;
- Financials holdings, notably Banco Santander;
- Health Care stock selection, primarily CVS Health; and
- Position in EchoStar.

Key detractors from relative results included the portfolio's:

- Underweight position in Information Technology;
- Materials stock selection and overweight position; and
- Positions in Fiserv, Avantor, and Charter Communications.

Fixed Income Portfolio (vs. Bloomberg U.S. Agg)

Key contributors to relative results included the portfolio's:

- Credit security selection, particularly Pemex, as well as British American Tobacco, Charter Communications, and Citigroup; and
- Underweight to U.S. Treasuries and overweight to corporate bonds.

Key detractors from relative results included the portfolio's below-benchmark duration position.

Top Ten Equity Holdings	% of Fund
CVS Health Corp.	2.5
The Charles Schwab Corp.	2.3
Alphabet, Inc.	1.9
Fiserv, Inc.	1.8
GSK PLC	1.6
RTX Corp.	1.6
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	1.4
Wells Fargo & Co.	1.2
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	1.2
Microsoft Corp.	1.1

Top Ten Fixed Income Issuers	% of Fund
Fannie Mae	6.1
Freddie Mac	5.6
U.S. Treasury Note/Bond	5.4
Ginnie Mae	1.8
Navient Student Loan Trust	0.8
British American Tobacco PLC	0.8
Petroleos Mexicanos	0.7
Citigroup, Inc.	0.7
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC	0.5
Charter Communications, Inc.	0.5

Fund Expense Ratios	Ticker	Net	Gross
Balanced Fund — Class I	DODBX	0.52%	0.52%
Balanced Fund — Class X	DOXBX	0.42%*	0.47%

*Dodge & Cox has contractually agreed, through April 30, 2026, to waive management fees or reimburse the Fund for ordinary expenses to the extent necessary to maintain the net ordinary expense ratio of the Fund's Class X shares at an amount 0.10% less than the net ordinary expense ratio of the Fund's Class I shares, and additionally to the extent total ordinary expenses of the Fund's Class X shares would otherwise exceed 0.42%. This agreement cannot be terminated prior to April 30, 2026, other than by resolution of the Fund's Board of Trustees. For purposes of the foregoing, ordinary expenses shall not include nonrecurring shareholder account fees, fees and expenses associated with Fund shareholder meetings, fees on portfolio transactions such as exchange fees, dividends and interest on short positions, fees and expenses of pooled investment vehicles that are held by the Fund, interest expenses and other fees and expenses related to any borrowings, taxes, brokerage fees and commissions and other costs and expenses relating to the acquisition and disposition of Fund investments, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and other non-routine expenses or extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business, such as litigation expenses. The term of the agreement with respect to the maintenance of the net ordinary expense ratio differential between Class X and Class I shares will automatically renew for subsequent three-year terms unless terminated with at least 30 days' written notice by either party prior to the end of the then-current term. The agreement does not permit Dodge & Cox to recoup any fees waived or payments made to the Fund for a prior year.

The Fund invests in individual stocks, bonds and other securities whose market values fluctuate within a wide range, so that your investment may be worth more or less than its original cost. The Fund's performance could be hurt by equity risk, market risk, manager risk, liquidity risk, geographic risk and derivatives risk. In addition the Fund's fixed income performance could be hurt by interest rate risk, credit risk, below-investment grade securities risk, mortgage- and asset-backed securities risk, to-be-announced transaction risk, and call risk. The Fund may use derivatives to create or hedge investment exposure, which may involve additional and/or greater risks than investing in securities, including more liquidity risk and the risk of a counterparty default. Some derivatives create leverage.

Before investing in any Dodge & Cox Fund, you should carefully consider the Fund's investment objectives, risks, and charges and expenses. To obtain a Fund's prospectus and summary prospectus, which contain this and other important information, or for current month-end performance figures, visit dodgeandcox.com or call 800-621-3979. Please read the prospectus and summary prospectus carefully before investing.

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1. All returns are stated in U.S. dollars, unless otherwise noted. The Funds' total returns include the reinvestment of dividend and capital gain distributions, but have not been adjusted for any income taxes payable by shareholders on these distributions or on Fund share redemptions. Index returns include dividend and/or interest income but, unlike Fund returns, do not reflect fees or expenses. The Class X shares inception date is May 2, 2022. The returns shown prior to that date are for the Class I shares. The Combined Index reflects an unmanaged portfolio (rebalanced monthly) of 60% of the S&P 500 Index, which is a market capitalization-weighted index of 500 large-capitalization stocks commonly used to represent the U.S. equity market, and 40% of the Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index (Bloomberg U.S. Agg), which is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of U.S. dollar-denominated, investment-grade, taxable fixed income securities. The Fund may, however, invest up to 75% of its total assets in equity securities.
2. Unless otherwise specified, all weightings and characteristics are as of September 30, 2025.
3. The use of specific examples does not imply that they are more or less attractive investments than the portfolio's other holdings.
4. The U.S. Government does not guarantee the Fund's shares, yield, or net asset value. The agency guarantee (by, for example, Ginnie Mae, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac) does not eliminate market risk.

See Disclosures for a full list of financial terms and Index definitions.