

# Fidelity Global Monthly Income Fund

## Quarterly Investment Review

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FIDELITY GLOBAL MONTHLY INCOME FUND

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REVIEW AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

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## Overview

**INCEPTION DATE:** April 18, 2007  
**BENCHMARK:** Blended index (See Appendix)  
**FUND MANAGER:** David Wolf, David Tulk

### OBJECTIVE

The Fund aims to achieve a combination of a steady flow of income and the potential for capital gains. It invests primarily in a mix of equity securities and fixed income securities located anywhere in the world.

### APPROACH

- A global core holding with a neutral mix of 50% equities and 50% fixed income.
- Provides monthly income distributions while offering capital growth potential.
- Offers multi-asset class diversification that can help weather volatile market conditions.

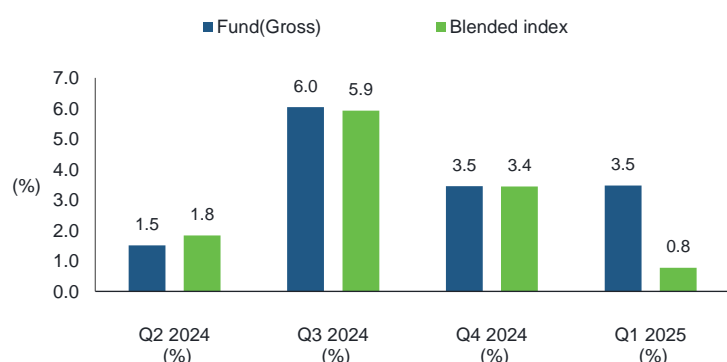
### PERFORMANCE RETURNS (%)

|  | Cumulative |         |         |         |      | Annualized |        |        |         |                 |
|--|------------|---------|---------|---------|------|------------|--------|--------|---------|-----------------|
|  | Q2 2024    | Q3 2024 | Q4 2024 | Q1 2025 | YTD  | 1 Year     | 3 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | Since Inception |
| Fidelity Global Monthly Income Fund - Series O | 1.51       | 6.04    | 3.45    | 3.47    | 3.47 | 15.22      | 8.86   | 9.55   | 7.51    | 7.16            |
| Blended index                                  | 1.83       | 5.93    | 3.44    | 0.77    | 0.77 | 12.42      | 7.82   | 8.04   | 6.51    | 6.42            |
| Relative Return                                | (0.32)     | 0.11    | 0.01    | 2.70    | 2.70 | 2.80       | 1.04   | 1.51   | 1.00    | 0.74            |

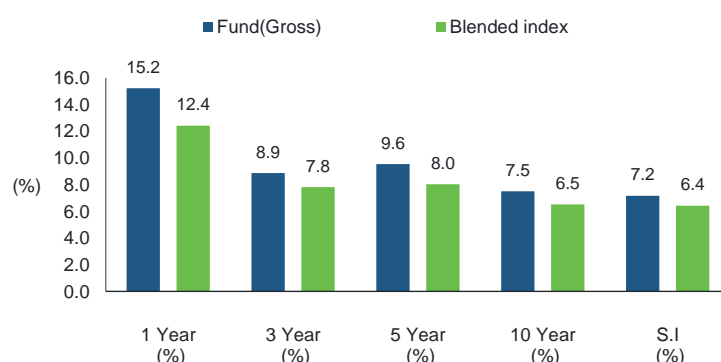
Performance returns are unaudited and time-weighted.

Note: Differences may be due to rounding.

### Cumulative Quarterly Performance



### Annualized as of March 31, 2025



Overview

| PERFORMANCE RETURNS (%): CALENDAR YEAR RETURNS |                       |        |         |      |        |       |        |      |        |       |
|--|-----------------------|--------|---------|------|--------|-------|--------|------|--------|-------|
|  | Calendar Year Returns |        |         |      |        |       |        |      |        |       |
|  | 2024                  | 2023   | 2022    | 2021 | 2020   | 2019  | 2018   | 2017 | 2016   | 2015  |
| Fidelity Global Monthly Income Fund - Series O | 18.03                 | 8.92   | (8.13)  | 9.59 | 9.63   | 14.40 | 2.51   | 7.87 | 2.95   | 19.73 |
| Blended index                                  | 17.48                 | 11.45  | (11.52) | 7.01 | 10.41  | 11.95 | 3.30   | 7.44 | 3.65   | 16.55 |
| Relative Return                                | 0.55                  | (2.53) | 3.39    | 2.58 | (0.78) | 2.45  | (0.79) | 0.43 | (0.70) | 3.18  |

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## Quarterly Fund Commentary

- Security selection in global dividend-paying equities and out-of-benchmark exposure to a gold exchange-traded fund (ETF) contributed to relative returns.
- Security selection in U.S. convertible bonds detracted from relative returns.

### Equities

- Among global dividend-paying equities, security selection in the industrials sector contributed, as did security selection in, and underweight exposure to, the information technology sector.
- In industrials, investments in Rheinmetall and Thales contributed most. In information technology, lack of exposure to a U.S.-based semiconductor company and lower-than-benchmark exposure to Broadcom contributed. In other sectors, lack of exposure to a U.S.-based electric vehicle manufacturer and a U.S.-based e-commerce company contributed.
- Security selection in, and underweight exposure to, the financials sector detracted from relative returns.
- In financials, lack of exposure to a U.S.-based asset management company detracted most. In other sectors, investments in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing and Vistra detracted.

## 12 Month Fund Commentary

- From an asset allocation perspective, security selection in global dividend-paying equities contributed to relative returns. Security selection in, and lower-than-benchmark exposure to, global investment-grade bonds also contributed. Out-of-benchmark exposure to a gold ETF and to U.S. high-yield commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) also contributed.
- There were no material detractors from relative returns during the review period.

### Equities

- In global dividend-paying equities, investments in the industrials and health care sectors contributed to relative returns.
- In industrials, investments in Rheinmetall and GE Aerospace contributed. In health care, an investment in Gilead Sciences and lack of exposure to a Denmark-based pharmaceutical company contributed. In other sectors, investments in T-Mobile U.S. and Vistra contributed.
- Security selection in, and lower-than-benchmark exposure to, the financials sector detracted from relative returns, as did security selection in the information technology sector.
- In financials, exposure to a U.S.-based asset management company and a U.S.-based payment card services company detracted most. In information technology, an investment in NXP Semiconductors and lack of exposure to a U.S.-based semiconductor company detracted. In other sectors, investments in Shin-Etsu Chemical and LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton detracted from relative returns.

## Positioning and Outlook

- Portfolio managers David Wolf and David Tulk observe that recent alterations in U.S. trade and fiscal policies have heightened uncertainties, leading to increased market volatility. While policy responses from other parts of the world have been more promising, global trade uncertainties pose a heightened risk of stagflation.
- These uncertainties have contributed to a slowdown in economic activity, thereby increasing the likelihood of an economic recession over time. Canada is considered to be at greater risk, given its prolonged period of sluggish growth.
- Amid the ongoing uncertainties surrounding trade policies, the managers acknowledge an increased risk of stagflation. They highlight that inflation risk remains upward, considering that the Trump administration's policies suggest that the U.S. Federal Reserve (the Fed) would need to exercise caution in its monetary policy decisions, complicating the role of central banks.
- Consequently, the managers foresee challenges in the Fed achieving its 2% inflation target. To mitigate these risks, they maintain holdings in inflation-protection bonds and gold across their portfolios. They also anticipate that the risk to long-term U.S. bond yields is likely to be upward, due to term premium risks and the Fed's limited scope to ease rates.
- The managers assert that Canada's elevated debt levels render it highly sensitive to interest rate changes. Coupled with tariff risks, weakened foreign demand and ongoing domestic challenges, the likelihood of a recession in Canada is heightened. Despite the Bank of Canada's multiple interest rate reductions, a return to the historic low rates familiar to consumers remains improbable.
- With potentially higher interest rates persisting, many Canadian households facing mortgage refinancing in the near future may experience significant financial strain. The managers suggest that this situation could impede the Canadian economy because households may prioritize deleveraging over investing in productive areas such as business investment.
- As a result, the managers maintain underweight positions in Canadian assets and the Canadian dollar in the Fund, recognizing the ongoing medium-term challenges for Canada and the cyclical nature of its currency. They instead favour a broader basket of global currencies. This positioning reflects the asymmetry in risk and reward and helps to ensure diversification and manage risk.
- Considerable uncertainty persists regarding potential tariffs, but the team is closely monitoring the situation. The managers have reduced their U.S. equity exposure and shifted toward defensive assets, thereby lowering their overall market risk posture. They have increased gold exposure through an ETF and U.S. Treasury inflation-protected securities.

- More generally, the managers stress the importance of diversification in Fund structuring. Their research-driven framework is essential in guiding Fund positioning to ensure resilience against a wide range of shocks triggered by such events.



## Investment Process

### David Wolf & David Tulk – Asset allocation portfolio managers

- Portfolio managers David Wolf and David Tulk are responsible for implementing asset allocation decisions for the Fund
- The managers manage the Fund to achieve a neutral mix of 50% equity securities and 50% fixed-income securities. The Fund's exposure to equity and fixed-income securities may vary by up to +/- 20% from the neutral mix
- The managers make controlled shifts in allocations to various sub-portfolios, including equities, investment-grade and high-yield fixed income, and short-term securities, to capitalize on market dynamics without materially changing the intended risk/return profile of the Fund.
- The managers analyze short- and long-term performance of equity and fixed-income markets, with particular focus on deviations from historical averages. These analyses are used to help gauge the relative attractiveness of asset classes and identify opportunities to diversify to other regions and/or asset classes. Particular emphasis is given to watching for inflection points where there is a high likelihood of mean reversion
- The asset allocation portfolio managers draw on the expertise of the Fidelity Global Asset Allocation Research Team based in Boston. The decision to make an active adjustment is based on an assessment of numerous variables, indicators and inputs that fall into four main categories:
  - 1) the macro-economic picture
  - 2) bottom-up fundamentals
  - 3) valuations and
  - 4) investor sentiment
- The sub-portfolio managers frequently communicate with the asset allocation portfolio managers to share market perspectives and to ensure a timely flow of information that may inform investment decisions
- It is also the responsibility of the asset allocation portfolio managers to work with the sub-portfolio managers and traders to implement asset allocation changes and to manage day-to-day cash flows and Fund operations

### Ramona Persaud – Global equities

- The portfolio aims to achieve capital appreciation by investing in equity securities of companies anywhere in the world that pay, or may be expected to pay, dividends
- The manager believes that a combination of value and income is a durable alpha generator, as it is generally under-owned, opaque and unrecognized
- The manager's investment philosophy is based on three key principles:
  - Value wins over time.
  - Income is risk-aware value, which wins over time on a risk-adjusted basis.
  - Income investing is a "get rich slow" strategy, as a large portion of total return is from income compounding
- The manager follows a bottom-up, fundamental investment approach, giving special attention to companies with consistent cash flows and dividends, high return on invested capital and strong balance sheets
- Selected investments should exhibit a balanced reward-to-risk ratio by assessing the securities' upside potential and downside risk
- Ideas are generated through multiple sources, including input from Fidelity's team of global research analysts, site visits, company meetings, industry conferences and third-party research
- The portfolio also employs a quantitative/statistical screening framework to generate ideas based on valuation, balance sheet attributes, cash flow, income and other quantitative factors

### Steven Buller – Global real estate equities

- 1. The manager considers real estate securities markets to be inefficient due to short-term technical dislocations that can offer attractive long-term investment opportunities.
- 2. REITs are a balance of real estate and stocks; recognizing the attributes of both is key to maximizing performance.
- 3. A thorough and in-depth research process is followed, which involves frequent company contact, on-site property visits (with and without management), detailed company financial models and a suite of different valuation measures.
- 4. The manager does not have any particular investment style bias and may move from value to growth-type characteristics depending on the market environment and the availability of investment ideas.
- 5. Members of Fidelity's global real estate securities research team are based in five countries and focus narrowly on a respective sector and/or geography.

### Michael Foggin, Andrew Lewis, Lisa Eastbrook & Jeffrey Moore – Global bonds

## Investment Process

- The portfolio invests primarily in global government and corporate bonds offering the potential for income and capital appreciation.
- The manager's investment philosophy is based on three key principles:
- Investment-grade fixed-income portfolios should be focused on capital preservation.
- Market segmentation can create anomalies between different segments of the bond market that can be researched and exploited.
- Investments are based on long-term strategic objectives, rather than depending on fluctuating short-term objectives that increase portfolio volatility.
- The manager follows a five-step investment process:
- Strategic views: Determine which countries in the global fixed income universe are appropriate jurisdictions for investing in credit, interest rate and currency exposure.
- Business cycle: Determine the progress of each country or region within its business cycle.
- Sector decisions: These are key to managing risks; employ valuation and positioning analysis tools to help finesse the portfolio's sector section and beta rotation.
- Security selection: Fidelity's research capabilities give a competitive advantage in evaluating issuers and choosing securities in the global investment universe.
- Portfolio construction: The portfolio construction process should effectively manage volatility risk in order to avoid forced selling in weak markets so that the manager can approach the market from a position of strength.

### Alexandre Karam, Benjamin Harrison & Jared Beckerman – Global high-yield bonds

- The portfolio invests primarily in high-yield corporate bonds and focuses on areas of the market where Fidelity's resources have the greatest competitive advantage and can add the most value.
- The managers emphasize sector valuation and individual security selection in constructing portfolios, and focuses on the less efficient, middle-tier section of the high-yield market, while selectively investing in lower-rated issuers.
- The portfolio is designed to be well-diversified across sectors, structure and issuers.
- Gauging default risk is critical to the investment process, given the asymmetric nature of high-yield investing.
- The managers employ a strict focus on controlling overall absolute and relative portfolio volatility, and on understanding all portfolio risk positions in order to minimize volatility.

### Adam Kramer & Rick Gandhi – U.S. convertible securities

- The portfolio aims to provide a high total investment return, a steady flow of income and the potential for capital gains.
- The portfolio invests primarily in convertible securities of U.S. issuers, including bonds, preferred stocks and other securities that pay interest or dividends and are convertible into common stock or its equivalent value.
- When buying and selling securities for the portfolio, the manager examines each company's potential for success in light of its current financial condition, its industry position and economic and market conditions.
- Convertible securities are often lower-quality fixed-income securities.
- The majority of convertible issuance comes from small-cap companies, which tend to outperform large caps over the long term.

### Timothy Gill, Eric Lindenbaum & Nader Nazmi – Emerging markets debt

- The managers invest in fixed-income securities including government and corporate bonds in emerging markets countries.
- The portfolio holds a diversified exposure to debt issues of different industries and different maturities based on the manager's view of relative value opportunities.
- When buying and selling emerging markets debt securities, the portfolio managers generally analyze the security's structural features, its current price compared to its estimated long-term value and any short-term trading opportunities resulting from market inefficiencies.
- The portfolio managers may also consider the credit, currency and economic risks associated with the fixed-income security and the country of the issuer.



## Appendix

The Fidelity Global Monthly Income Benchmark is composed of: 40% MSCI ACWI Index (Net), 31% Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index (CAD), 12% ICE BofA Global High Yield Constrained Index, 7% FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Developed Index (Net), 5% ICE BofA All US Convertibles Index, 5% J.P. Morgan EMBI Global Diversified Index.

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