

Federal Open Market Committee Statement Summary and Commentary: As expected the US Federal Open Market Committee (the “FOMC”) cut the target rate for the federal funds rate by 25 basis points to 3.75% to 4.00%.

The FOMC stated “Available indicators suggest that economic activity has been expanding at a moderate pace. Job gains have slowed this year, and the unemployment rate has edged up but remained low through August; more recent indicators are consistent with these developments. Inflation has moved up since earlier in the year and remains somewhat elevated.”

To no one’s surprise, newly elected governor and Trump nominee Stephen I. Miran dissented and proposed a 50 basis point cut. Interestingly, Kansas City Fed Governor Jeffrey R. Schmid preferred no change to the target range for the federal funds rate at this meeting.

With the US Government shutdown affecting the data the FOMC receives, the FOMC stated “The Committee’s assessments will take into account a wide range of information, including readings on labor market conditions, inflation pressures and inflation expectations, and financial and international developments.”

The FOMC also announced the end of Quantitative Tightening on December 1, 2025.

Goodwood Portfolio Reaction: The FOMC’s 25 basis point interest rate cut announcement was well anticipated by the market. After the announcement bond yields rose by about 5-7 basis points across most tenors. Chairman Powell did say at the press conference a further 25 basis point cut at the December meeting is not a foregone conclusion. In the table below we set out our current internal interest rate forecasts for the remainder of the year, which guide our portfolio positioning.

Goodwood Fixed-Income Strategies: Goodwood uses a disciplined, bottom-up, and fundamental approach in analyzing Canadian investment-grade corporate bonds. The investment-grade portfolios seek to preserve capital and provide a high cash coupon income. We have been adding new issues to the portfolios with cash coupons in the 4.0% to 5.0% per annum range. In addition, we believe bonds in our portfolios may appreciate as a result of spread tightening from improving company and industry fundamentals. Our strategies are well diversified by position size, industry sectors and term-to-maturity. Goodwood’s flexible, tactical approach can capitalize on inefficiencies in the fixed-income markets. The long-only investment-grade bond mandate invests in 20-30 fixed-income securities. Similar Long-Short mandates: [Goodwood Milford Fund](#) and RRSP eligible [Goodwood Milford Fund Trust](#). Goodwood also acts as sub-advisor, managing investment grade bond and ESG-conscious investment grade bond mandates for third-party clients, institutions, pensions and endowments.

Historical Interest Rate Trend and Forecast:

Quarter	BOC	3M	2Y	5Y	10Y	30Y	FED	3M	2Y	5Y	10Y	30Y
Q1'24	5.00	5.01	4.19	3.54	3.47	3.36	5.50	5.36	4.62	4.21	4.19	4.34
Q2'24	4.75	4.66	4.00	3.52	3.51	3.40	5.50	5.36	4.72	4.33	4.34	4.50
Q3'24	4.25	3.94	2.91	2.74	2.96	3.14	4.75	4.63	3.65	3.58	3.80	4.13
Q4'24	3.25	3.20	2.94	2.97	3.24	3.34	4.50	4.33	4.25	4.39	4.58	4.78
Q1'25	2.75	2.64	2.47	2.62	2.97	3.23	4.50	4.30	3.91	3.98	4.35	4.61
Q2'25	2.75	2.68	2.66	2.83	3.29	3.56	4.50	4.30	3.72	3.79	4.23	4.98
Q3'25	2.50	2.44	2.47	2.75	3.19	3.63	4.25	3.95	3.60	3.73	4.15	4.73
Q4'25	2.25	2.25	2.30	2.55	3.00	3.35	3.75	3.50	3.25	3.50	3.80	4.50
Actual	Forecast	Sources: Historical: LSEG; Forecast: Goodwood Inc., internal forecast used to position our Goodwood bond portfolios										

Goodwood C\$ Fixed-Income Strategies:

Strategy	Effective Duration*	Yield to Maturity*
Goodwood Milford Fund LP	5.1	5.4
Goodwood Investment-Grade Bonds	4.3	3.5
Goodwood ESG-Conscious Investment-Grade Bonds	3.4	3.4
iShares Core Canadian Universe Bond ETF	7.0	3.4
iShares Canadian Corporate Bond ETF	5.5	4.3

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Sources: Goodwood Inc., iShares by Blackrock *As at September 30, 2025. See full disclosure below.

Recent Investment-Grade Additions to Portfolios:

N/A

Recent Investment-Grade Deletions from Portfolios:

TMX Group 4.836% 02/18/2032 [sold]
 Definity C30 3.709% 09/12/2030 [sold]
 Stantec Inc. 4.374% 06/10/2032 [sold]
 Fairstone BK 3.937% 09/18/2028 [sold]
 Bell Canada 4.7% 03/14/2036 [sold]
 GoEasy Ltd CB 6% 05/15/2030 [sold]
 CI Financial Corp 7% 12/02/2025 [sold]

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