

Major central banks set the tone in June, with most opting to leave interest rates unchanged and all adopting a more hawkish stance. Equity markets were mixed, with U.S. stocks declining for the first time in three months. The S&P 500 fell approximately 1% as investors questioned whether this year's artificial intelligence-driven rally had gone too far. Canadian equities proved more resilient, with the TSX Composite posting a modest gain of 0.50%. Despite the monthly pullback, the S&P 500 remained up approximately 9.5% for the year. Oil and gold were the month's notable movers: U.S. crude fell to near \$70 a barrel, back to roughly pre-conflict levels after the U.S. and Iran agreed to halt attacks, and gold gave back ground as safe-haven demand faded.

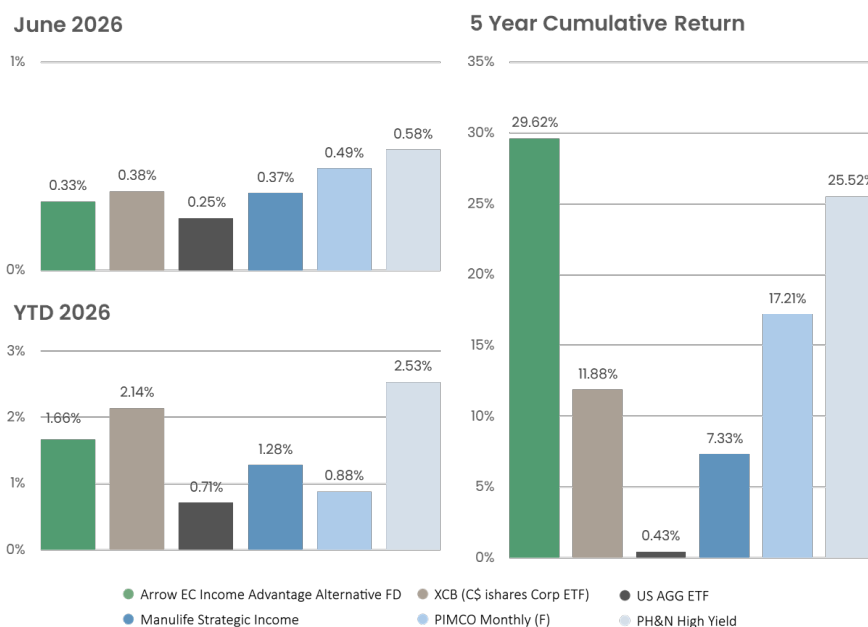
Government-bond yields closed mostly unchanged: U.S. 10-year Treasury yields held firm near 4.45%, rising 3bps, while 10-year Government of Canada yields rallied 3bps and closing below 3.4%. The Federal Reserve set the hawkish tone - holding its range at 3.50%-3.75% at Kevin Warsh's first meeting as chair, it signalled its next move could be an increase rather than a cut.

Investment grade (IG) credit spreads weakened (widened) modestly in June with U.S. spreads wider by 2bps and Canadian spreads wider by 4bps. Average IG credit spreads are currently around 0.70% in the U.S. and 0.87% in Canada and remain near their most expensive levels in over a decade.

Three main forces are supportive of credit spreads: all-in U.S. index yields near 5% still offer a strong carry opportunity, drawing steady demand; corporate fundamentals are solid, with default rates historically low; and even record new issuance has been readily absorbed. High-yield spreads lagged, widening around 12bps, as higher-quality IG spreads outperformed again.

East Coast recorded another positive return in June, demonstrating consistency in challenging markets. Our portfolio managers have maintained a bias toward high-quality credit, reflecting the view that investors have not been sufficiently compensated for taking on additional credit risk. The team believes this remains a prudent approach in the current market environment, as higher-quality credit is generally less vulnerable during periods of heightened market volatility.

Fixed Income Returns¹

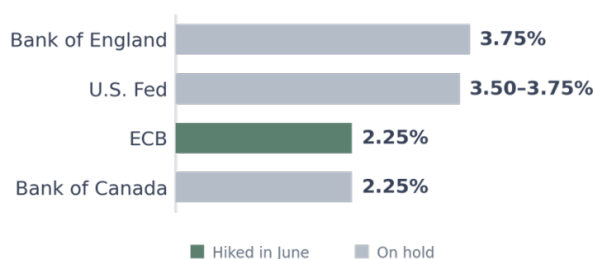


Source: Morningstar Direct, Arrow EC Income Advantage Alternative FD, Blackrock: Index iShares ETFs (XCB, AGG), PIMCO Monthly Fund (F), Manulife Strategic Income Fund (F), PH&N High Yield Bond Fund (F)

Central Banks Turned Hawkish

Major policy rates, end-June 2026

ECB's first hike since 2023; the Fed held but signalled a possible hike.



Source: U.S. Federal Reserve, ECB, Bank of England, Bank of Canada - as at 30 Jun 2026

The chart at left shows the current policy rates of the major central banks. June's moves were virtually all hawkish: the European Central Bank raised rates for the first time since 2023, the Bank of England held at 3.75% with two members voting to hike, and the Bank of Canada stayed at 2.25% for a fifth straight meeting. Rates are still far higher in the U.S. and U.K. than in the eurozone or Canada - yet it was the ECB, from the lowest base, that moved. The common thread is a tilt back toward tightening, which is unusual this late in the cycle.

Even with tight spreads, all-in yields remain at levels that keep the income component of returns meaningful and continue to deliver an attractive income stream. The team remains patient and focused on credit quality to capture the opportunity.

The team has remained cautiously positioned in recent months. Looking ahead, markets are expected to remain choppy as investors continue to weigh persistent inflation, a less accommodative path for central bank policy, and ongoing geopolitical risks. The mandate remains focused on delivering steady, consistent returns for investors, while portfolio managers stand ready to add credit risk should spreads widen to more attractive levels.

As always, we welcome any questions or comments you may have for our team.

Thank you,
The East Coast Team

Historical Performance	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr	10 yr	ITD
Arrow EC Income Advantage Alternative – Ser FD	3.49	6.46	5.33	5.42	4.12
Returns as of June 30, 2026					

¹Source: Morningstar Direct: Arrow EC Income Advantage Alternative (Series FD), iShares Core Canadian Corporate Bond Index ETF (XCB), iShares U.S. Aggregate Bond Index ETF (AGG), PIMCO Monthly Fund (F), Manulife Strategic Income Fund (F), PH&N High Yield Bond Fund (F).

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