# ZEVENBERGEN INCOME GROWTH 3Q25 REVIEW & PERSPECTIVE

Built Different: Gusts of economic and political uncertainty failed to unmoor equity markets in 3Q25, as strong corporate earnings, resilient consumer spending, and easing monetary policy buoyed equity markets across the board. The quarter closed with a welcomed display of breadth in which the S&P 500°, NASDAQ Composite Index°, Dow Jones Industrial Average°, and Russell 2000° Index all reached new highs and reported their best September performance returns since 2010. Investor enthusiasm warranted monitoring in certain speculative pockets of the market; however, broader momentum was largely supported by renewed optimism in domestic growth equities. This was particularly evident within the technology sector, where growing evidence suggests the scale of AI, measured by its adoption, investment, and economic influence, may exceed projections. The Zevenbergen Income Growth strategy trailed the S&P 500° Index this quarter on relative underexposure to the largest index constituents (primarily AI-related technology business models).

Bottom 5 Detractors 3Q25								
Ticker	Company	Average Portfolio Weight						
INTU	Intuit Inc.	4.25	%					
PGR	The Progressive Corporation	4.09	%					
CTAS	Cintas Corporation	4.11	%					
DE	Deere & Company	2.90	%					
ACN	Accenture plc	0.99	%					
	Bottom 5 Total	16.34	%					

Top 5 Contributors 3Q25								
Ticker	Company	_	Average Portfolio Weight					
AAPL	Apple Inc.	6.79	%					
APH	Amphenol Corporation	5.13	%					
MPWR	Monolithic Power Systems, Inc.	4.74	%					
ORCL	Oracle Corporation	2.23	%					
JPM	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	6.40	%					
	Top 5 Tota	ıl 25.29	%					

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# **DETRACTORS:**

# Intuit Inc. (INTU):

Following last quarter's outperformance, financial software company Intuit Inc.'s shares took a breather this quarter. Despite reporting better-than-expected financial results in August, shares pulled back in response to management's slightly lower-than-expected 2026 fiscal year revenue and earnings per share guidance. However, management's announcement appears relatively conservative, as it does not fully account for potential revenue from Intuit's recently launched AI-powered financial assistant platform, Intuit Assist. The company continues to execute on its strategic initiative to move upmarket, demonstrated by a 40% year-over-year increase in its mid-market online solutions revenue. Additionally, Intuit highlighted its growth potential in an AI-driven world by demonstrating how its AI agents can automate tasks for QuickBooks clients, including invoicing, payment tracking, and reconciliation.

# The Progressive Corporation (PGR):

Shares of the leading auto and home insurance provider, The Progressive Corporation, pared back during the quarter amid concerns that underwriting results may normalize from exceptionally strong levels. Investor unease grew as continued auto-parts tariffs raised questions about near-term margin durability. Still, net written premiums rose double digits year over year, supported by strong customer retention and ongoing policy growth. Although competition in advertising and pricing among personal insurers has intensified, Progressive remains well-positioned for long-term success through its scale advantages, bundling momentum, and technology-driven underwriting discipline.

#### **Cintas Corporation (CTAS):**

Although specialized services provider Cintas Corporation delivered better-than-expected quarterly results, shares pulled back amid broader market concerns over a softening labor market. Given Cintas' large Uniform Rental & Facility Services business, investors worried that the company's organic revenue growth could be disproportionately affected by a potential rise in the unemployment rate. Importantly, management emphasized that customer demand for its uniform rental services remains strong, noting that its customer base "improved slightly" during the quarter. Cintas also raised its 2026 fiscal year revenue and adjusted earnings per share guidance, as well as its quarterly cash dividend, underscoring confidence in its ability to successfully navigate an uncertain environment.

# **CONTRIBUTORS:**

# Apple Inc. (AAPL):

Shares of the technology company Apple Inc. contributed positively to results as both fundamentals and sentiment improved. Solid iPhone demand (particularly in emerging markets), record services revenue, and continued capital returns supported confidence in Apple's durable earnings power. Importantly, investor optimism shifted as management highlighted growing investment in AI initiatives and tighter integration of on-device AI capabilities. These updates helped narrow the perceived AI gap with peers and supported a year-to-date recovery in shares.

# Amphenol Corporation (APH):

Shares of Amphenol Corporation, a global supplier of electrical sensors, cables, and interconnect components, rallied following another record quarter of sales and earnings. Organic revenue growth of 41% year-over-year was broad-based across communications, industrial, and datacenter markets, while margin expansion benefited from a favorable mix (robust demand for Al-related components) and cost discipline. Management guided next quarter's earnings well ahead of expectations and raised their long-term margin outlook, reinforcing Amphenol's consistent execution and leverage to rising electronic-connectivity demand.

#### Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. (MPWR):

Shares of the power semiconductor company Monolithic Power Systems, Inc. advanced meaningfully as strong demand across AI, automotive, and industrial markets fueled another quarter of double-digit revenue growth. The company continues to benefit from its leadership in high-efficiency power management chips for data center and AI compute systems, where rising energy density and heat constraints create a growing need for its proprietary technology. Management highlighted continued design wins in custom chips used by hyperscale and AI infrastructure customers, large-scale cloud providers that operate massive data centers, supporting expectations for sustained share gains as next-generation accelerators ramp up. Beyond data centers, Monolithic's exposure to automotive electrification, industrial automation, and consumer electronics further diversify growth and cushions cyclicality.

# Perspective:

Stay in the Game: In a market increasingly characterized by meaningful performance dispersion and multiple concerns (e.g., geopolitical unrest, interest rates, tariffs), our team remains focused on identifying and investing in established companies positioned to maintain or increase relevance in a complex, ever-changing environment. Even in its nascency (ChatGPT debuted only three years ago), Al technology has spurred significant capital flows and rewritings of corporate strategies. While reasonable to assume Al will dominate headlines and boardroom discussions for the foreseeable future, businesses – regardless of industry – that solve customer problems in efficient and repeatable ways will drive shareholder value over time. For investors, maintaining a commitment to quality assets, those with strong fundamentals and adaptability amid a world of constant flux, lays the foundation for long-term wealth creation.

#### **Zevenbergen Income Growth Composite Performance**

Returns as of 09/30/2025	3Q 2025	YEAR TO DATE	ONE YEAR*	THREE YEAR*	FIVE YEAR*	TEN YEAR*	SINCE INCEPTION^*
Zevenbergen Income Growth Equity (Gross of Fees)	5.0%	16.5%	14.4%	24.1%	15.3%	15.7%	15.0%
Zevenbergen Income Growth Equity (Net of Fees)	4.8%	15.6%	13.3%	22.8%	14.1%	14.6%	13.9%
S&P 500 (SPY)	8.1%	14.8%	17.6%	24.9%	16.5%	15.3%	15.0%

<sup>\*</sup>Annualized Return ^ 08/31/2011

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