

Q2 2025 Commentary

June 2025

Dear Fellow Shareholders,

The Plumb Funds are pleased to present our Q2 2025 results to you.

After a bit of a stumble out of the gate in the first quarter of this year, both of our Funds roared back to be competitive as we raced by the half pole on June 30th of this year. To our delight, The Plumb Balanced Institutional Fund achieved Morningstar's highest 5 Star Overall Rating in the Moderate Allocation category out of 434 funds as of 6.30.2025.

Our flagship Plumb Balanced Fund finished up 8.65% this quarter and up 4.59% year-to-date.

The largest contributors to the Plumb Balanced Fund included: Nvidia, MercardoLibre, Toast, Elf Beauty, and Intuitive Surgical. Detractors this quarter included Apple, Fiserv, Advanced Micro Devices, and Visa along with our short-term corporate bond holdings.

New positions for the quarter included Coreweave, AAR, Montrose, and we bought back JP Morgan and Elf Beauty. Positions eliminated during the quarter were Grid Dynamics, and the *Wegovy* weight loss maker Novo Nordisk. During the quarter we also had both our Western Alliance Bank bonds get called early during the quarter.

The Plumb Funds were a bit opportunistic after seeing the March 28th IPO of an AI (artificial intelligence) related stock named Coreweave did not skyrocket up like most IPOs do after concerns of its very complex and unique private equity debt structure that even Wall Street analysts did not fully understand. Coreweave company explained in an oversimplistic manner physically installs computer servers loaded with all those AI chips that are always in the news. After watching and researching more for almost a month we added a position that has benefited our shareholders thus far as Coreweave regained its pre-IPO hype.

The Plumb Equity Fund finished up 14.32% this quarter and up 4.83% year-to-date.

The largest contributors to the Plumb Equity Fund included: Nvidia, Intuitive Surgical, Toast, Elf Beauty, and MercardoLibre. Detractors this quarter included Apple, Copart, Fiserv, Autodesk, and Visa.

New positions to the quarter included Coreweave, Nu Holdings, AAR, and we bought back Elf Beauty and JP Morgan Bank Positions we fully eliminated during the quarter were Novo Nordisk, Kura Sushi, and Arm Holdings.

Our new holding AAR, which is short for Allen Aircraft Radio, that no one says anymore, is an airline maintenance company that bought a small but exciting software business named *Trax* that could be transformative for their respective airline parts industry. After researching and meeting management in June, we decided to add the AAR to both of our Funds.

At the Plumb Funds, we strive to serve our shareholders through all market environments with our proprietary stock research and portfolio management. Part of our investment philosophy is to invest in companies that have the ability and capability to grow faster than the U.S. and global economy. Our core belief is that we believe the world is amid a modern industrial revolution that is now being coined the 5th Industrial Revolution or Industry 5.0. This is the new cognitive age with artificial intelligence (AI).

Again, we thank you for choosing us to be your steward as a Plumb Funds shareholder.

Sincerely,

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Thomas G. Plumb, CFA Co-Fund Portfolio Manager President, CEO, Chairman

Nathan M. Plumb Co-Fund Portfolio Manager

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Plumb Balanced Fund Standardized Performance

Plumb Equity Fund Standardized Performance

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