

Thornburg Investment Income Builder Fund

Portfolio Manager Commentary

31 December 2025



This note will highlight the results of the Thornburg Investment Income Builder Fund for Q4 2025. It is published amidst the ongoing developments associated with the Russian war with Ukraine, ongoing inflation concerns in the U.S., and significant government policy changes in the U.S. and elsewhere that are altering global trade and financial flows. Most equity indices worldwide delivered positive returns in the December quarter and for calendar 2025. Returns from bonds in the U.S. were positive.

Thornburg Investment Income Builder Fund paid ordinary dividends of \$0.42 per I share during Q4'2025, flat versus Q4'24. For calendar 2025 your fund paid ordinary dividends of \$1.27 per I share, +2.6% vs the prior year. The dividends per share were lower for A and C shares, to account for varying class specific expenses. Your fund also paid a long-term capital gains dividend of 66.2¢/share in November 2025. Including the capital gains dividends, trailing 4 quarter dividends of \$1.93 per I share were +29.5% vs the combined dividend of \$1.49 per share for the 4 quarters ending December 31, 2024.

Approximately 90% of the dividends paid by your fund in 2024 were characterized as "Qualifying Dividends" for federal income tax purposes, leading to a lower tax rate on these payments. When 2025 calculations are finalized, we expect a slightly smaller percentage of your fund's 2025 distributions to also be qualifying dividends. More than 75% of your Investment Income Builder's equity holdings increased dividends *in local currencies* in 2025. A weaker \$US was a tailwind to your fund's dividend growth in calendar 2025, though reduced special dividend payments were a headwind. Other factors may impact the distributable cash total.

The net asset value of Investment Income Builder's I shares increased by +\$7.41 per share (\$25.78 to \$33.19) over the trailing 12 months and increased by +\$1.08 per share (\$32.11 to \$33.19) during the December quarter. Your fund's 12/31/25 net asset value was reduced by the aforementioned 66¢/share capital gains dividends paid in Q4'25.

We have maintained your portfolio's exposure to dividend-paying firms that we believe have resilient businesses with strong capital structures.

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Average Annual Returns (% , as of 31 Dec 2025)

	QTR	YTD	1-YR	3-YR	5-YR	10-YR	ITD
A Shares TIBAX (Incep: 24 Dec 2002)							
With Sales Charge	1.85	30.38	30.38	20.26	13.87	10.38	9.81
Without Sales Charge	6.64	36.55	36.55	22.12	14.93	10.88	10.03
I Shares* TIBIX (Incep: 3 Nov 2003)	6.75	36.93	36.93	22.42	15.21	11.17	10.38
Investment Income Builder Blended Index	2.61	17.60	17.60	16.90	9.01	9.73	8.33

ITD = Inception to Date

Periods less than one year are not annualized.

*Prior to inception of class I shares, performance is calculated from actual returns of the class A shares adjusted for the lower Institutional expenses.

The Blended index is composed of 25% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index and 75% MSCI World Index.

30-day SEC Yield as of 31 Dec 2025 – A shares: 2.15%; I shares: 2.48%

Performance data shown represents past performance and is no guarantee of future results. Investment return and principal value will fluctuate so shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than quoted. For performance current to the most recent month end, visit thornburg.com or call 877-215-1330. The maximum sales charge for the Fund's A shares is 4.50%. There is no up-front sales charge for class I shares. The total annual fund operating expenses are as follows: A shares, 1.17%; I shares, 0.93%. For more detailed information on fund expenses and waivers/reimbursements please see the fund's prospectus.

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Investment Income Builder's I share return of 6.75% for Q4 2025 exceeded the blended benchmark return of 2.61% for the December quarter (the blended benchmark is 75% MSCI World Index and 25% Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index). For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2025, Investment Income Builder's I share return of 36.93% exceeded the blended benchmark return of 17.60%. Performance comparisons of Investment Income Builder to its blended benchmark over various periods are shown on page 1.

The quarter ending December 31, 2025, was the 92nd full calendar quarter since the inception of Thornburg Investment Income Builder in December 2002. In 68 of these quarters the fund delivered a positive total return. The fund has delivered positive total returns in 18 of its 23 calendar years of existence.

Importantly, for an investor reinvesting dividends Thornburg Investment Income Builder has delivered an average annual total return of 10.4% since its inception 23 years ago, split between quarterly income distributions and share price appreciation.

On a \$100,000 initial investment a hypothetical investor owning Thornburg Investment Income Builder A shares and taking all ordinary dividends in cash (no reinvestment of quarterly dividends) would have received total cash dividends of \$196,170 over these 92 quarters, an average of \$8,529 per year over 23 years. The calendar 2025 cash dividend was \$10,856. In addition, the current value of the original \$100,000 investment stood at \$303,260 as of December 31, 2025.

Listed in **Table 1** in descending order are the 25 largest equity holdings in the fund as of December 31, 2025, along with their share price changes in \$US for calendar years 2025 and 2024. Also noted are dividend yields at closing December 31, 2025, stock prices and the trailing 5-year *growth rate* of each firm's dividend/share in local currency. Together, these 25 firms comprised approximately 68% of the fund's total assets as of December 31, 2025. Cash and approximately 250 interest-bearing debt and hybrid secu-

Table 1 | Investment Income Builder Fund—Top 25 Equity Holdings

(As of 31 Dec 2025. Together, these 25 firms comprised approximately 68% of the fund's total assets. Cash & approximately 250 interest-bearing debt and hybrid securities comprised around 16% of fund assets, and 31 other common equities comprised a total of approximately 16% of fund assets.)

Name of Company	Calendar 2025	2024 Share Price % Change (USD)	Dividend Yield (at 31 Dec 2025 price)	"5 Year Local Currency Dividend Growth Rate"
Orange SA	67.2%	-12.6%	5.26%	+4.6%/year
Multi-national telecommunications network operator, home market is France Telecom				
Taiwan Semiconductor	50.5%	69.0%	1.35%	+13.7%/year
Leading semiconductor chip foundry in the world, fabricating chips used in many digital devices				
Citigroup	65.8%	36.8%	2.05%	+2.6%/year
U.S. based global capital markets & retail bank and treasury services provider				
BNP Paribas	54.7%	-11.5%	6.39%	+11.4%/year
Multinational commercial & capital markets bank. Operations centered in Europe				
NN Group	77.2%	10.1%	5.39%	+9.4%/year
Netherlands based life and casualty insurer, with market leading positions in Netherlands				
Broadcom Inc.	49.3%	107.7%	0.74%	+12.6%/year
Develops and markets digital and analogue application specific semiconductors				
Enel SpA	46.2%	-3.9%	5.29%	+7.5%/year
Generates, distributes, and sells electricity and gas in Southern Europe & Latam				
AT&T Inc.	9.1%	35.7%	4.47%	-11.8%/year
U.S. based wireless & wireline services. 113 million wireless, 14 million broadband customers				
Samsung Electronics	131.4%	-40.7%	1.22%	+0.5%/year
Manufactures consumer & industrial electronic products, leading semiconductor producer				
Total Energies SE	18.9%	-19.0%	6.03%	+4.1%/year
Produces, refines, transports, and markets oil and natural gas products globally				
Zegona Communications	258.6%	121.6%	0.00%	N/A
Startup company that acquired Vodafone Espana from Vodafone PLC in 2024				
Tesco PLC	28.9%	24.4%	3.21%	+3.0%/year
UK based food and general merchandise retailer				
Vodafone Group	55.5%	-2.3%	3.94%	-13.7%/year
Multinational telecom network operator. 255 million wireless, 18 million broadband customers				
Endesa	67.2%	5.2%	4.29%	-2.2%/year
Generates, distributes, and sells electricity and gas in Spain & Latam				
Merck & Co.	5.8%	-8.7%	3.21%	+5.8%/year
Global health care company develops and sells medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies				

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rities comprised around 16% of fund assets, and 31 other common equities comprised a total of approximately 16% of fund assets. Individual position sizes of the 25 equities listed range from 6.3% of fund assets (Orange) to approximately 1.2% for those shown near the bottom of the list.

These are not trivial businesses. These firms occupy important positions in their respective markets. They tend to be well capitalized. Most have made reasonable progress growing their bases of paying customers and distributable cash flows to support multi-year dividend growth.

The reader will notice a number of telecommunications, financial, and health care firms among these top 25 holdings, as well as other providers of various ingredients important to modern life. We believe their attractive current dividend yields and records of dividend growth indicate good value.

We have maintained your portfolio's exposure to dividend paying firms that we believe have resilient businesses with strong capital structures. In **Table 2**, compare the sector allocations of the equities in the Investment Income Builder portfolio over the trailing year.

The value of the \$US vis-à-vis most developed market foreign currencies appreciated almost 6% in 2024. The 2024 gain in the \$US value was more than reversed in 2025. As in prior years, we hedged a significant percentage of the foreign currency exposure of the underlying businesses of your portfolio's non-\$US investments. Your fund's currency hedges were a modest headwind to performance in calendar 2025.

Ten of eleven sectors of the MSCI World Index delivered positive returns in \$US for Q4'25. Sector returns for the quarter ranged from around +11% for the health care sector to -2% for the real estate

Table 1 (continued)

Name of Company	Calendar 2025	2024 Share Price % Change (USD)	Dividend Yield (at 31 Dec 2025 price)	"5 Year Local Currency Dividend Growth Rate"
Bank of Ireland Group	110.9%	0.2%	3.22%	+27.0%/year
Diversified financial services provider serving Ireland and UK customers				
Deutsche Telekom	8.3%	24.8%	3.62%	+8.4%/year
Multinational telecom network operator, owns majority of T-Mobile (USA)				
AstraZeneca plc	41.5%	-3.1%	1.76%	+2.3%/year
Global health care company develops and sells medicines				
CME Group	17.6%	10.3%	3.92%	+8.0%/year
Operates exchanges that trade futures contracts & options on rates, F/X, equities, commodities				
BAE Systems	60.4%	1.4%	2.00%	+8.0%/year
Defense and aerospace systems manufacturer				
DHL Group	55.5%	-28.8%	3.96%	+10.0%/year
Global freight and parcel delivery service				
KPN NV	28.3%	5.4%	4.40%	+6.8%/year
Netherlands telecommunications services provider				
Roche Holding	46.9%	0.9%	2.95%	+1.5%/year
Global health care company develops and sells medicines, vaccines, biologic therapies				
Equitable Holdings	1.0%	41.6%	2.25%	+9.7%/year
Financial services, insurance, and savings products company				
Singapore Telecommunications Ltd	57.0%	20.3%	3.98%	+11.5%/year
Asian multinational telecommunications services provider				

Past performance does not guarantee future results.

Table 2 | Investment Income Builder Fund Sector Weights (%)

Sector	Sector Weights as of:					Dec '24–Dec '25 +/- Weighting
	31-Dec-25	30-Sep-25	30-Jun-25	31-Mar-25	31-Dec-24	
Financials	24.5%	25.3%	24.9%	23.2%	23.1%	1.4%
Communications Services	22.7%	22.2%	21.3%	22.2%	18.8%	4.0%
Information Technology	15.1%	14.8%	13.9%	11.4%	15.5%	-0.5%
Health Care	8.9%	7.4%	9.4%	11.7%	11.5%	-2.6%
Utilities	8.6%	8.8%	9.0%	9.6%	8.2%	0.4%
Energy (Diversified)	7.3%	7.9%	8.5%	9.2%	9.2%	-1.8%
Industrials	5.4%	5.2%	4.8%	4.0%	3.6%	1.8%
Consumer Staples	3.5%	4.0%	3.9%	3.9%	4.5%	-1.0%
Materials	2.3%	2.4%	2.0%	2.3%	3.1%	-0.8%
Consumer Discretionary	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%	2.1%	2.2%	-0.6%
Real Estate	–	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	-0.3%

May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

sector. The MSCI World Index comprises 75%, and the entire equity portion, of the global performance benchmark for Thornburg Investment Income Builder.

Twenty equity investments contributed positive returns of at least 0.10% to overall Income Builder Fund portfolio performance during Q4'2025. The most positive equity contributors to quarterly performance included telecommunications network operators Orange, Vodafone, Singapore Telecommunications and Zegona Communications; information technology firms Broadcom, Samsung, Cisco Systems, and Taiwan Semiconductor; financials Citigroup, BNP Paribas, NN Group, and Bank of Ireland; pharmaceutical firms Merck & Co, AstraZeneca, and Roche Holding; European utilities ENEL and Endesa; miner Glencore; and DHL Group and TotalEnergies.

Three of your fund's equity investments made negative contributions to portfolio performance of more than -0.10% during Q4'2025. These negative contributors to quarterly performance included Home Depot, BAE Systems, and AT&T.

Investment Income Builder's bond holdings delivered positive returns during Q4'2025. Ten-year U.S. Treasury bond yields inched higher from 4.15% to 4.17% in Q4'2025 and dropped -0.4% from 4.57% during calendar 2025. Corporate and asset-backed bond yield spreads to U.S. Treasury bonds tightened in 2025. The market yield of the Bloomberg U.S. Corporate High Yield Index decreased from 6.69% to 6.53% during the December quarter (yield to lower of call price or maturity), after earlier declining from 7.49% as of December 31, 2024. On December 31, 2025, the \$74.6 trillion Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index showed an average maturity of 8.2 years and a yield of 3.52%, the latter increasing by +0.04% over the December quarter. Developed world bond yields outside the U.S. are mostly below those available in the U.S. market.

Readers of this commentary who are long-time shareholders of Thornburg Investment Income Builder will recall that the interest-bearing debt portion of the fund's portfolio has varied over time, ranging from less than 9% in 2015 to 45% on June 30, 2009. We tend to allocate more portfolio assets to interest-bearing debt when debt yields are more attractive. Approximately 16% of portfolio assets were invested in interest-bearing debt and near cash assets on December 31, 2025. The remaining 84% of portfolio assets were invested in equities as previously described.

The outlook for financial asset returns is uncertain. Earnings and other valuation multiples for most segments of the U.S. equity market are above historic averages though sector multiples vary across the globe. Real wages after inflation for a large segment of U.S. households are not increasing. The absolute number of unemployed workers in the U.S. has been rising, making additional Federal Funds rate cuts probable despite inflation running above Federal Reserve targets. Recent progress to reach the Fed's 2% inflation target has been difficult to achieve, complicated by uncertainty around tariffs and curtailments in the number of foreign-born workers in the U.S. labor force. A large supply of new government debt being issued plus ongoing corporate borrowing present challenges to further reductions in longer maturity bond yields unless the U.S. economy weakens considerably in the coming quarters.

Incoming economic data from around the world indicate an uncertain global economy in the face of evolving U.S. trade policies, so far resisting falling into a recession. Global trade flows are being altered by new U.S. trade policies. Winners and losers among multi-national producers of tradeable goods and developers of artificial intelligence capabilities will become obvious in time, but the current outlook for many global businesses is uncertain. Prices of traded financial assets will be volatile with day-to-day news changing perceptions of near-term economic performance, interest rate policies, and political decisions. We are optimistic about the future return potential of Thornburg Investment Income Builder's assets. Why?

Virtually all the businesses in your portfolio retain their market positions providing important products and services that generate cash flows to pay attractive dividends, today and in the future. We believe they are valued very attractively in relation to their own histories and relative to other assets.

The weighted harmonic average 2025 consensus expected price/earnings ratio for Thornburg Investment Income Builder's equity portfolio, tabulated using FactSet data, was approximately 14.2x as of December 31, 2025, well below the 21.6x price/earnings ratio of the MSCI All Country World Index using 2025 expected EPS. Income Builder's 4.2% weighted average equity portfolio dividend yield significantly exceeds the 1.7% dividend yield of the MSCI Index. We believe your Investment Income Builder portfolio incorporates significant intrinsic value. The bond portion of your fund's portfolio has a duration of approximately 3.7 years and a yield to maturity/call of approximately 6.6%.

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Asset-backed Security (ABS) - A security whose value and income payments are derived from and collateralized (or "backed") by a specified pool of underlying assets. The pool of assets is typically a group of small and illiquid assets that are unable to be sold individually. Pooling the assets into financial instruments allows them to be sold to general investors, a process called securitization, and allows the risk of investing in the underlying assets to be diversified because each security will represent a fraction of the total value of the diverse pool of underlying assets.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) - Index that measures prices of a fixed basket of goods bought by a typical consumer, including food, transportation, shelter, utilities, clothing, medical care, entertainment and other items. The CPI, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Department of Labor, is based at 100 in 1982 and is released monthly. It is widely used as a cost-of-living benchmark to adjust Social Security payments and other payment schedules, union contracts and tax brackets. Also known as the cost-of-living index.

Dividend Yield - A ratio that shows how much a company pays out in dividends each year relative to its share price.

Earnings per Share (EPS) - The total earnings divided by the number of shares outstanding.

Price/Cash Flow - The measure of the market's expectations regarding a firm's future financial health. It is calculated by dividing price per share by cash flow per share.

P/E - Price/Earnings ratio (P/E ratio) is a valuation ratio of a company's current share price compared to its per-share earnings. P/E equals a company's market value per share divided by earnings per share. Forecasted P/E is not intended to be a forecast of the fund's future performance.

Real Yield - Yield from an investment adjusted for the effects of inflation.

UST = United States Treasury

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