



INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

To generate above-average total return with reduced volatility over the long term. The primary focus is to invest in various ETFs/ETNs in both Canadian and Global markets across all asset classes to maximize portfolio diversification and capitalize on market opportunities.

MANAGER COMMENTARY

Clearly the global stock markets during 2020 and so far in 2021 continue to look ahead to increasing global growth.

In Canada early indications of the Canadian economy's performance in March continue to signal strong growth occurred in between the second and third waves of the virus. Following the third quarter The Bank of Canada took baby steps toward withdrawing the extraordinary levels of intervention triggered by the pandemic (it shortened the timeline for expected rate hikes and pared back its bond-buying program). Avery Shenfeld, chief economist at CIBC World Markets commented (Canada's central bank) rate hikes could begin as early as the end of next year.

In contrast to Canada's central bank comments by the US Federal Reserve Chairman Powell after release of the minutes of their March meeting revealed they are delaying talk of tapering; instead they are waiting for "substantial further progress". In the U.S. and the rest of the globe the current consensus annual growth rate forecast of economists seems to be in the range of 6 - 7 percent for the U.S. and 8 - 9 percent for China! The U.S. is poised for the fastest growth in 36 years for many reasons, not the least of which is low interest rates; those low rates are likely to be sustained because of the government trillions of dollars of support (US\$1.9 TRILLION passed and in March and already widely distributed directly to consumers) and a further \$2.2 TRILLION "infrastructure +" plan currently under "negotiation" between Congress and Senate politicians; and if that is not enough there is more talk by the Democrats of a further \$2.8 TRILLION to come.

Your ETF Growth account is likely to see increasing change as sector rotation continues (see sector performance comments below). As an asset class Fixed income is not expected to outperform but the corporate yield spread over treasury bonds is likely to continue to narrow due to widely expected extreme monetary support still on the way.

For Q1 2021 (all measured in CAD unless specified otherwise) the Total Returns including reinvested dividends for the major indexes were: S&P/TSX Composite +8.06%; S&P 500 +4.75%; S&P 500 Index (USD) +6.17%; MSCI WORLD INDEX +3.63%; MSCI WORLD INDEX (USD) + 5.04%. The FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index fell -5.04%. The CAD dollar rose 1.36%. The S&P/TSX Composite Healthcare Index (+37.96), and Energy Index (+20.32%) were the strongest. The Materials (-6.87% mainly gold dropping versus base metals rising) and Information Technology (-1.06%) were the weakest.

The top 3 Q1 performers in the portfolio were: The iShares S&P/TSX Capped Info Tech Index ETF (+7.59%), the iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF (+6.90%), and the BMO S&P 500 Hedged To CAD ETF (+6.05%). The bottom 3 performers were the iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals Index ETF (-6.01%), the First Trust Alphasdex US ETF (-4.157%), and the Horizons S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index ETF (-3.44%).

During Q4 2020, 3 positions were added: The Horizons S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index ETF (-3.44), The BMO Equal Weight Us Bank Hedged To CAD Index ETF (-3.06%) and the iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals Index ETF (-6.01%). 4 positions were liquidated: The iShares S&P/TSX 60 Index ETF (+6.90), the iShares S&P/TSX Capped Info Tech Index ETF (+7.59%), the First Trust Alphasdex US ETF (-4.157%) and the BMO China Equity Index ETF (+1.25%).

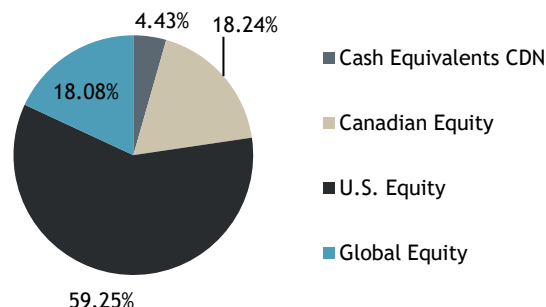
ETF SELECTION PROCESS

A universe of qualified ETFs is carefully selected, and their relative strengths are monitored using various technical research sources.

The top down selection approach of asset classes begins with market cash flow analysis, measured by the relative strength of North American stock exchange listings, as compared to ETFs of other asset classes.

Asset allocation is based mainly on the purchase of sectors which are outperforming, and the sale of sectors which are underperforming on a week-to-week basis, within the overall matrix of qualified ETFs.

ASSET MIX



SECURITY DESCRIPTION

% Held

Cash and Cash Equivalents (CAD)	4.43%
TOTAL CASH & EQUIVALENTS	4.43%
BMO MSCI USA High Quality	14.23%
BMO NASDAQ 100 Equity ETF	20.73%
BMO S&P 500 Hedged To CAD	19.22%
BMO Equal Weight US BNK Hedged to CAD IDX TR UTS	5.07%
U.S EQUITY TOTAL	59.25%
HORIZONS S&P/TSX Capped energy IDX New SHS	18.24%
CANADIAN EQUITY TOTAL	18.24%
ISHR S&P/TSX GLBL Base Metals IDX	18.08%
GLOBAL EQUITY TOTAL	18.08%

PERFORMANCE RETURNS

%	3 Mo	6 Mo	YTD	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	SI
Composite	0.02	8.81	0.02	15.31	7.79	6.92	7.49
Benchmark	1.70	7.13	1.70	20.72	6.48	7.80	8.00
Diff +/-	-1.68	1.68	-1.68	-5.41	1.31	-0.88	-0.52

*Performance results in this document are based on a composite of CIBC Wood Gundy Advisor Managed Account (“AMA”) retail accounts with more than \$75,000 invested in the “ETF Growth strategy”. The composite includes open fee-paying discretionary managed accounts where the Strategy has been held for at least two months, through a purchase or a switch from another investment or a different AMA strategy. Also included in the composite are closed accounts that held the Strategy, up to the last full month the Strategy was held. The composite was created in December 2011 and includes AMA performance data from February 2012, two months after the Strategy’s inception in the AMA program.

Composite performance returns are geometrically linked and calculated by weighting each account’s monthly performance, including changes in securities’ values, and accrued income (i.e. dividends and interest), against its market value at the beginning of each month, as represented by the market value at the opening of the first business day of each month. This Strategy can be purchased either in U.S. or Canadian dollars. Performance returns in this document are expressed in Canadian dollars and are calculated by converting U.S. dollar accounts into Canadian dollars using the month-end Bank of Canada noon rate. Performance returns are gross of AMA investment management fees, and other expenses, if any. Each individual account’s performance returns will be reduced by these fees and expenses.

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