

## MANAGER COMMENTARY

The stock market optimism continued in Q2 as prelude to another postquarter-period of analysts' quarterly earnings estimates being broadly beaten by great actual eps announcements.

In Q1 a burst of growth at 6.4% brought the U.S. economy to just a hair below its pre-pandemic size; that growth continued in Q2, and according to the U.S. Commerce Department accelerated to a growth rate of 6.5%.

Our cautious sense of expectation is for more back and filling of markets as they grind higher reflecting earnings gains narrowing and flattening over the next two quarters but supported by persistent low interest rates.

The 10-Year US Treasury bond yields' trending down from the April 1st 1.71% to the quarter end lower level of 1.47% and right on down through to the current low rate of 1.20% portend investors seeking a safety haven of sorts. Perhaps the rising Covid-19 infections which continue to be of concern in many regions of the world and the slowing momentum of earnings growth compared to last summer are among the cause for lower rates ...?

Canada's central bank said it expects the economy to grow 6.0% in 2021, down from its previous forecast of 6.5%. However, the bank now expects growth of 4.6% in 2022, up from its earlier forecast of 3.7%. The optimistic tone struck by the Bank of Canada early in the quarter contributed to the CAD\$ rallying up from 79.612 on April 1st up to a peak of 83.16 on June 2nd only to settle back down at the end of the quarter to 80.68 on June 30th, perhaps in anticipation of the more positive U.S. earnings results announced throughout July.

Right now, the U.S. dollar's strength seems linked to fears that the pace of the global recovery may already have peaked. In other words, the dollar has become a haven against uncertainty or disappointment. Maintaining US\$ positions continue to serve your portfolio well.

For Q2 2021 (all measured in CAD unless specified otherwise) the Total Returns including reinvested dividends for the major indexes were: S&P/TSX Composite +8.55%; S&P 500 +6.83%; S&P 500 Index (USD) +8.55%; MSCI WORLD INDEX +6.30%; MSCI WORLD INDEX (USD) + 5.38%. The FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index rose +1.60%. The CAD dollar rose 1.50. The S&P/TSX Composite Information Technology (+23.02%), and Energy Index (+13.90%) were the strongest GICs Sectors. The Health Care (-11.57%) and Industrials (+0.17%) were the weakest.

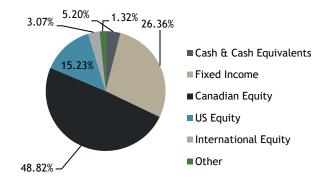
The top 3 performers in the portfolio were: Lightspeed POS Inc Sub Votg shs (+31.28%), Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp Co (+25.81%), WSP Global Inc (+21.03%). The bottom 3 performers were: IPath Ser B S&P 500 VIX Mid Term Futures ETN (-12.85%), Chemtrade Logistics Incm Fnd Trst Units (-10.06%), and Manulife Fin Corp (-9.73%).

During Q2, two equity positions were added: GM CO (-2.73%) and Chemtrade Logistics Incm Fnd Trst Units (-10.06%). Two positions were liquidated: Labrador Iron Ore Royalty Corp Co (+25.81%) and Canada Goose Hldgs Inc Shs Sub Vtg (+2.09%).

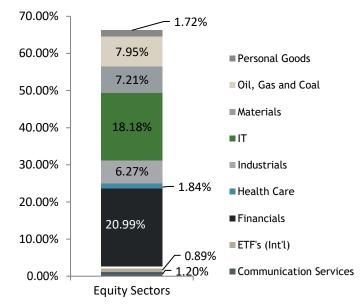
#### PERFORMANCE RETURNS

%	3 Mo	6 Mo	YTD	1Yr	3Yr	5Yr	SI
Composite	7.37	12.72	12.72	28.19	8.55	9.22	8.83
Benchmark	5.24	8.31	8.31	18.10	8.78	8.30	7.76
Diff +/-	2.13	4.41	4.41	10.09	-0.23	0.92	1.07

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### TOP TEN HOLDINGS %

MICROSOFT CORP.	5.85%
HORIZONS ACTIVE ULTRA SHORT TERM INVEST GRADE BOND CL E UTS	4.76%
TORONTO-DOMINION BANK	4.64%
ISHARES CDN REAL RTN BOND IDX	4.47%
TASEKO MINES LTD.	4.12%
ACCOUNT BALANCE CAD	3.97%
WSP GLBL INC. COM	3.89%
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	3.88%
LIGHTSPEED POS INC SUB VTG SHS	3.45%
CDN NATURAL RSRC LTD.	3.30%
TOTAL TOP TEN	42.33%

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TD Bank	2a,2b,2c,2d,2e,2g,3a,3c,7
Royal Bank of Canada	2a,2c,2e,2g,3a,3c,7

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