Monthly Update - As at April 29, 2022

# **Diversiflex Balanced**

The exposure of this unconstrained tactical portfolio aims to provide capital appreciation opportunities via exposure to equities, currencies and commodities, or relative safety and stability via fixed income investments, depending on what the relative strength model of SIA Wealth Management, the manager, indicates.

| Inception date:        | January 1, 2014  |
|------------------------|--|
| Minimum investment:    | \$50,000   |
| Benchmark:             | 35% S&P/TSX Composite<br>35% MSCI World (CAD)<br>30% FTSE TMX Canada Bond Universe |
| Investment time frame: | Medium term or longer  |

### **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

- Employs a relative strength approach to capture growth opportunities in up markets while offering protection in down markets. The portfolio maintains a fixed-income target of 30%.
- Exposure to a wide range of asset classes that include Canadian, U.S. and international equities, individual equity sectors, fixed income, cash, commodities and currencies.
- Sophisticated daily analysis is used to drive the decision to rotate into or out of asset classes and their individual holdings, when warranted, in an effort to achieve stronger returns and capital protection.

### TRAILING PERIOD PERFORMANCE

(As at April 29, 2022)

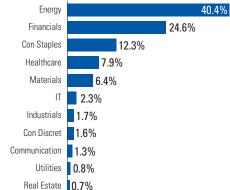
|                                | Diversiflex<br>Balanced<br>Portfolio | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 month                        | -0.6%                                | -4.9%     |
| 3 month                        | -0.4%                                | -4.9%     |
| 6 month                        | -1.7%                                | -5.0%     |
| 9 month                        | 0.8%                                 | -3.3%     |
| YTD                            | -3.2%                                | -7.6%     |
| 1 year                         | 3.0%                                 | 2.0%      |
| 2 year                         | 12.6%                                | 10.4%     |
| 3 year                         | 6.4%                                 | 6.6%      |
| 4 year                         | 7.0%                                 | 7.2%      |
| 5 year                         | 7.9%                                 | 6.3%      |
| Since inception<br>(Jan. 2014) | 8.6%                                 | 7.3%      |

### STANDARD DEVIATION\*\* (As at April 29, 2022)

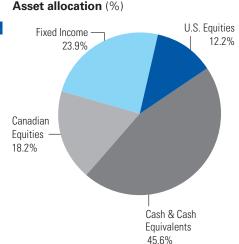
| 3 year                         | 8.7% | 11.3% |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|
| 5 year                         | 8.8% | 9.7%  |
| Since inception<br>(Jan. 2014) | 8.7% | 8.7%  |

### CURRENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS HIGHLIGHT (As at April 29, 2022)

# Holdings highlight BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund\* BMO Ultra Short Term Bond ETF IA Clarington Core + Bond Fund IA Clarington Bond Fund BMO Ultra Short Term US Bond ETF BMO Equal Weight Oil & Gas ETF iShares US Fundamental ETF BMO Equal Weight Bank ETF iShares U.S. Consumer Staples ETF



Equity sector allocation (%)





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### **COMMENTARY**

### **Portfolio Changes During April**

Sold: iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals ETF (XBM)

### **Changes to Asset Allocation and Sector Weights**

- The highest weighted asset class is Cash & Cash Equivalents at 45.6%
- Energy remains as the highest weighted equity sector at 40.4%

### **Contributors for Performance for the Month**

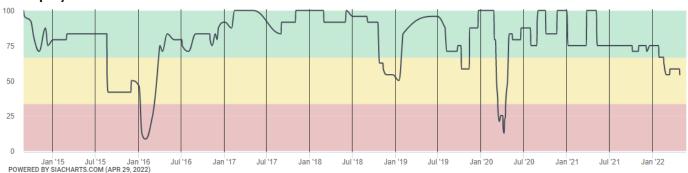
- The iShares U.S. Consumer Staples ETF (IYK) was the best performer of April, gaining 5.89%
- The BMO Equal Weight Oil & Gas ETF (ZEO) also had a positive month, gaining 5.6%

### **Detractors from Performance for the Month**

- The iShares S&P/TSX Global Base Metals ETF (XBM) was the weakest performer in April with a-15.59% return
- The iShares U.S. Fundamental ETF (CLU) was the second weakest performer for the month, with a-6.65% return

After delivering a modest recovery from the lows of early March, equity markets experienced a resurgence in volatility and most of the major indices we follow saw material losses in April. The minutes from the Federal Reserve's March meeting indicated a more aggressive-than-expected stance towards the approach to monetary tightening and hinted at a 50-basis point hike in May, triggering a risk-off sentiment. Putin's pessimism towards ongoing negotiations with Ukraine and rigid lockdown measures in China exacerbated supply chain issues and only worked to pressure capital markets. For the second half of April, Q1 earnings results were in focus as investors assessed how companies fared against rising inflationary pressures. After mixed earnings results from mega-cap FAANG names, stocks slid to end April, with the Nasdag sliding 13% to mark its worst month since October 2008.

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<sup>\*</sup>The BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund utilizes SIA Wealth Managements relative-strength methodology and will target fifteen individual North American securities while equities are in favor; however, the fund could hold as little as zero equity positions when equities are unfavored. SIA Wealth Management, who acts as sub advisor for the Diversiflex portfolios also acts as sub advisor for the BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Calculated using change in month end values for the trailing 3 and 5 year periods (annualized for 12 months per year).