Monthly Update - As at November 30, 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% FTSE Glb All Cap ex Cd (CAD)<br>30% FTSE TMX Canada Bond Universe |
| Risk Rating:           | Medium   |
| Investment Objective:  | Income/Growth  |
| 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 November 30, 2022)

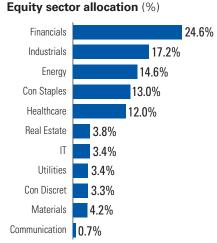
|                                | Diversiflex<br>Balanced<br>Portfolio | Benchmark |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 month                        | 2.1%                                 | 5.2%      |
| 3 month                        | 0.8%                                 | 5.1%      |
| 6 month                        | -2.5%                                | 1.7%      |
| 9 month                        | -1.5%                                | -3.0%     |
| YTD                            | -4.2%                                | -6.6%     |
| 1 year                         | -4.0%                                | -4.4%     |
| 2 year                         | 4.2%                                 | 3.8%      |
| 3 year                         | 5.2%                                 | 5.2%      |
| 4 year                         | 5.9%                                 | 7.1%      |
| 5 year                         | 5.9%                                 | 5.6%      |
| Since inception<br>(Jan. 2014) | 7.8%                                 | 6.9%      |

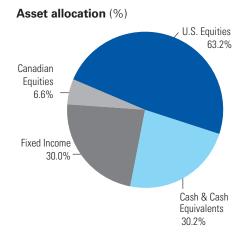
### STANDARD DEVIATION\*\* (As at November 30, 2022)

| 3 year                         | 8.6% | 12.5% |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|
| 5 year                         | 8.5% | 10.6% |
| Since inception<br>(Jan. 2014) | 8.5% | 8.7%  |

### CURRENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS HIGHLIGHT (As at November 30, 2022)

# Holdings highlight BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund\* IA Clarington Core + Bond Fund IA Clarington Bond Fund BMO Low Volatility US Equity ETF BMO US Dividend ETF BMO S&P US Mid Cap Index ETF Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund Global X U.S. Infrastructure Development ETF iShares U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges ETF iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF







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### **COMMENTARY**

### **Portfolio Changes During November**

- Bought: Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLE), Global X U.S. Infrastructure Development ETF (PAVE), iShares U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges ETF (IAI), iShares U.S. Insurance ETF (IAK), iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF (COW.TO), BMO Low Volatility US Equity ETF (ZLU.TO), BMO US Dividend ETF (ZDY.TO), BMO S&P US Mid Cap Index ETF (ZMID.TO)
- Sold: BMO Ultra Short Term Bond ETF (ZST)

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

- The highest weighted asset class is US Equities at 63.2%
- Financials is the highest weighted equity sector at 24.6%

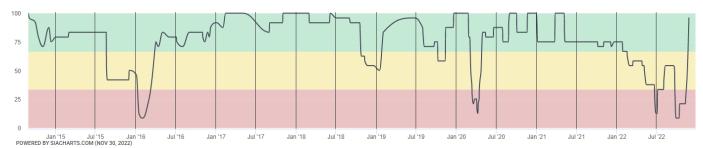
### **Contributors for Performance for the Month**

The iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF (COW.TO) was the best performer of November, gaining 3.70%

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

• The Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLE) was the weakest performer in October with a-0.10% return

The U.S. stock market registered its second consecutive monthly gain in November as all three major indices climbed during the month on the back of Fed Chair Jerome Powell's dovish comments. As the third quarter earnings season wound down, many companies indicated that they were feeling the pinch from rising interest rates and a downturn in consumer confidence, and issued negative forward guidance as a result. In crypto news, the total market capitalization of digital assets plunged by 16% in November, with investor confidence in the space ebbing in the wake of the collapse of the cryptocurrency exchange FTX.





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\*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.

\*\*calculated using change in month end values for the trailing 3 and 5 year periods (annualized for 12 months per year).

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