Monthly Update - As at December 31, 2022

# **Diversiflex Plus**

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:        | October 1, 2012   |
|------------------------|---|
| Minimum investment:    | \$50,000  |
| Benchmark:             | 50% S&P/TSX Composite<br>50% FTSE Glb All Cap ex Cd (CAD) |
| 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.
- 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 December 31, 2022)

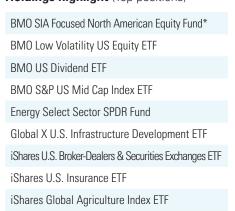
|                             | Diversiflex<br>Plus<br>Portfolio | Benchmark |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 month                     | -4.0%                            | -4.3%     |
| 3 month                     | -3.0%                            | 7.1%      |
| 6 month                     | -2.0%                            | 6.0%      |
| 9 month                     | -5.2%                            | -7.8%     |
| YTD                         | -6.7%                            | -9.1%     |
| 1 year                      | -6.7%                            | -9.1%     |
| 2 year                      | 2.8%                             | 4.8%      |
| 3 year                      | 4.9%                             | 6.5%      |
| 4 year                      | 8.7%                             | 10.0%     |
| 5 year                      | 6.7%                             | 6.8%      |
| Since inception (Oct. 2012) | 9.4%                             | 9.7%      |

# STANDARD DEVIATION\*\* (As at December 31, 2022)

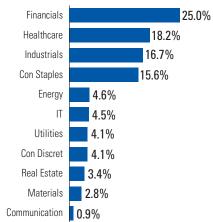
| 3 year                         | 11.2% | 16.2% |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| 5 year                         | 11.2% | 13.9% |
| Since inception<br>(Oct. 2012) | 10.5% | 10.8% |

### CURRENT PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS HIGHLIGHT (As at December 31, 2022)

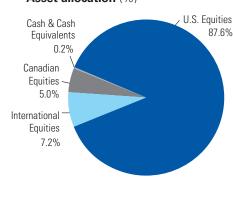
# Holdings highlight (Top positions)



### Equity sector allocation (%)



### Asset allocation (%)





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### **COMMENTARY**

### **Portfolio Changes During December**

- Bought: Healthcare Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLV)
- Sold: Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLE)

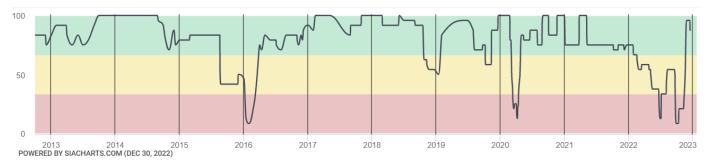
## **Changes to Asset Allocation and Sector Weights**

- The highest weighted asset class is US Equities at 87.6%
- Financials is the highest weighted equity sector at 25.0%

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

• The iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF (COW.TO) was the weakest performer in December with a-7.72% return Equity markets tumbled in December to finish off what was a painful year for stocks. The Nasdaq Composite, the S&P 500, and the Dow all posted their worst calendar year returns since 2008. Notably, the Nasdaq muddled through its fourth consecutive negative quarter for the first time since 2001. 2022 was also the worst year for the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index since its inception, as it shed about 12%. Sticky inflation, aggressive rate hikes from the Federal Reserve, and geopolitical concerns weighed on investor sentiment throughout the year, spurring recession fear.

# **SIA Equity Action Call**





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\*\*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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