# Diversiflex Portfolios Balanced

As at February 28, 2023

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.

UNIFIED MANAGED ACCOUNT PROGRAM

Inception date	January 1, 2014	
Minimum investment	\$50,000	
Benchmark	35% S&P/TSX Composite, 35% FTSE Glb All Cap ex Cd (CAD), 30% FTSE TMX Canada Bond Universe	
Investment objective	Income/Growth	
Risk rating	Medium	
Investment time frame	Medium 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.

## **Portfolio Performance**

	Portfolio	Benchmark
1 Month	0.0%	-1.7%
3 Month	-2.1%	0.0%
6 Month	-1.4%	5.1%
9 Month	-4.6%	1.7%
YTD	1.2%	3.6%
1 Year	-3.6%	-3.0%
2 Years	0.8%	2.5%
3 Years	4.8%	6.1%
4 Years	5.3%	6.1%
5 Years	4.5%	5.7%
Since Inception (Jan 2014)	7.4%	6.7%

## **Standard Deviation\***

	Portfolio	Benchmark
3 Year	8.5%	12.8%
5 Year	8.4%	11.0%
Since Inception (Jan 2014)	8.5%	8.9%





## Commentary

#### **Portfolio Changes During February**

- Bought: BMO Equal Weight Global Base Metals CAD Hedged ETF (ZMT)
- Sold: iShares Global Agriculture Index ETF (COW)

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

- The highest weighted asset class is US Equities at 60.3%
- Financials is the highest weighted equity sector at 24.4%

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

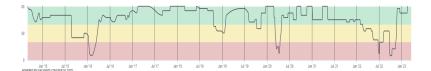
- The Global X U.S. Infrastructure Development ETF (PAVE) was the best performer of February, gaining 3.49%
- The BMO S&P US Mid Cap Index ETF (ZMID.TO) also had a positive month, gaining 1.83%

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

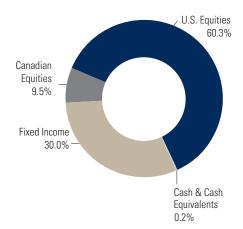
- The BMO Equal Weight Global Base Metals CAD Hedged ETF (ZMT) was the weakest performer in February with a -3.70% return.
- The Healthcare Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLV) was the second weakest performer for the month, with a -2.17% return.

Following strong gains in January, stocks closed lower in February. The market had priced in rate cuts in the second half of the year, but those expectations have largely vanished, with the market now assuming that the Federal Reserve will keep rates higher for longer. A hot jobs print and a slower decline in inflation contributed to the rise in rate expectations.

## **SIA Equity Action Call**



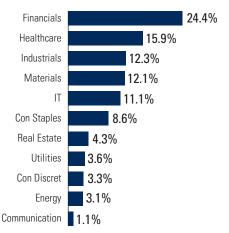
## Asset Allocation



## Holdings

BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund**	25.0%
IA Clarington Core + Bond Fund	15.0%
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BMO Low Volatility US Equity ETF	7.5%
BMO US Dividend ETF	7.5%
BMO S&P US Mid Cap Index ETF	7.5%
Healthcare Select Sector SPDR Fund	4.5%
Global X U.S. Infrastructure Development ETF	4.5%
iShares U.S. Broker-Dealers & Securities Exchanges ETF	4.5%
iShares U.S. Insurance ETF	4.5%
BMO Equal Weight Global Base Metals CAD Hedged ETF	4.5%

## **Equity Sector Allocation**







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

\*\*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.

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