# Diversiflex Portfolios **Plus**

Monthly Update

As at August 31, 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	October 1, 2012
Minimum investment	\$50,000
Benchmark	50% S&P/TSX Composite 50% FTSE Glb All Cap ex Cd (CAD)
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.
- 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	-0.5%	-0.6%
3 Month	5.3%	5.4%
6 Month	2.6%	5.6%
9 Month	0.3%	5.8%
YTD	4.5%	10.6%
1 Year	1.0%	12.8%
2 Years	-0.5%	1.7%
3 Years	5.8%	9.5%
4 Years	6.1%	9.3%
5 Years	5.3%	7.9%
Since Inception (Oct 2012)	9.3%	10.1%

# **Standard Deviation\***

	Portfolio	Benchmark
3 Year	8.6%	12.5%
5 Year	11.0%	14.1%
Since Inception (Oct 2012)	10.4%	10.6%





## Commentary

#### **Portfolio Changes During August**

- Bought: BMO MSCI Tech & Industrial Index ETF (ZAUT.TO), BMO S&P 500 Index ETF (ZSP.TO)
- Sold: iShares US Aerospace & Defense ETF (ITA), BMO MSCI Europe High Quality ETF CAD Hedged (ZEQ.TO)

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

- The highest weighted asset class is US Equities at 63.5%
- Information technology is the highest weighted equity sector at 36.9%

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

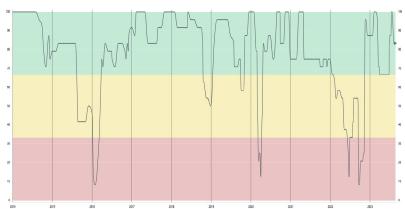
- The Global X MLP ETF (MLPA) was the best performer of August, gaining 2.50%
- The BMO S&P 500 Index ETF (ZSP.TO) also had a positive month, gaining 1.06%

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

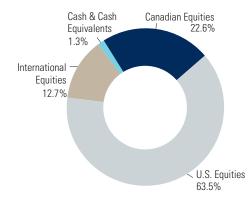
- The SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF (XSD) was the weakest performer in August with a -4.66% return
- The BMO International Dividend Hedged to CAD ETF (ZDH.TO) was the second weakest performer for the month, with a -1.12% return

Investors faced a challenging and volatile August as the stock market took a breather after what was a generally constructive first seven months of the year for equity investors. Canadian stocks fell, thanks in part to with disappointing earnings from the financial sector and continued uncertainty in the economy. The S&P 500, as measured in USD, notched its first monthly decline since February. However, in the later weeks of trading, Nvidia's stellar earnings report fueled more excitement in artificial intelligence, and Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's speech at the Jackson Hole Economic Symposium boosted market sentiment in the closing weeks of August.

#### **SIA Equity Action Call**



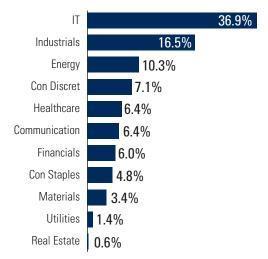
# Asset Allocation



### Holdings

BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund**	25.0%
BMO International Dividend Hedged to CAD ETF	12.7%
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF	12.7%
BMO NASDAO 100 Equity Index ETF	12.7%
iShares S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index ETF	7.2%
BMO MSCI Tech & Industrial Index ETF	7.2%
BMO Equal Weight Industrials Index ETF	7.2%
Global X MLP ETF	7.2%
SPDR S&P Semiconductor ETF	7.2%
Cash	1.0%

# **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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