

## Diversiflex Portfolios Balanced

**Monthly Update**  
As at October 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.

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	-0.6%	-1.3%
3 Month	-4.8%	-4.1%
6 Month	-1.2%	-3.9%
9 Month	-2.1%	-2.6%
YTD	-0.7%	2.6%
1 Year	-1.8%	4.2%
2 Years	-3.3%	-2.7%
3 Years	3.2%	4.6%
4 Years	3.7%	4.3%
5 Years	4.3%	5.8%
Since Inception (Jan 2014)	6.7%	6.1%

### Standard Deviation\*

	Portfolio	Benchmark
3 Year	6.9%	10.3%
5 Year	8.1%	11.0%
Since Inception (Jan 2014)	8.4%	8.8%

## Commentary

### Portfolio Changes During October

- Bought: BMO Money Market Fund ETF (ZMMK.TO)
- Sold: BMO Equal Weight Industrials Index ETF (ZIN.TO), iShares S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index ETF (XIT.TO)

### Changes to Asset Allocation and Sector Weights

- The highest weighted asset class is US Equities at 31.0%
- Information technology is the highest weighted equity sector at 25.8%

### Contributors from Performance for the Month

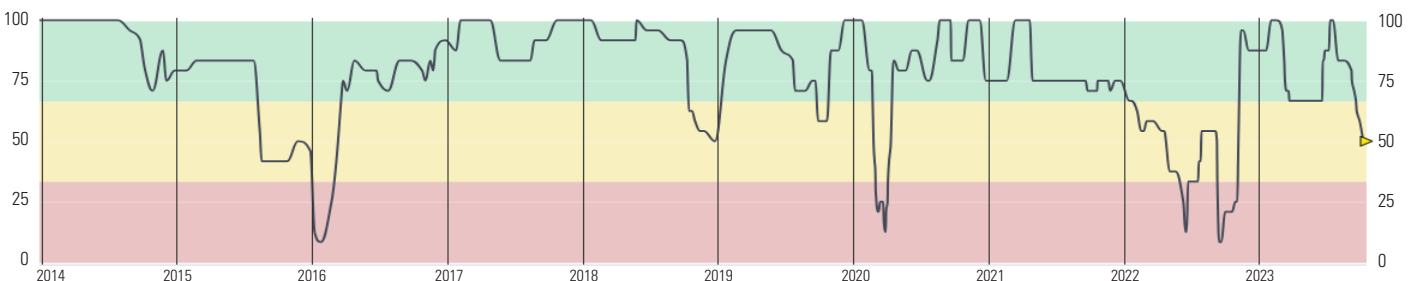
- The Global X MLP ETF (MLPA) was the best performer of October, gaining 1.45%

### Detractors from Performance for the Month

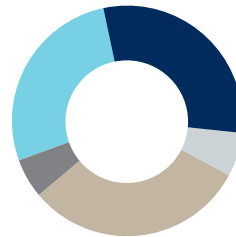
- The iShares S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology Index ETF (XIT.TO) was the weakest performer in October with a -5.58% return
- The BMO Equal Weight Industrials Index ETF (ZIN.TO) was the second weakest performer for the month, with a -5.42% return

October proved to be another challenging month for equity markets, with both Canadian and U.S. stocks experiencing declines, measured in USD. The S&P/TSX Composite Index fell for the third consecutive month, while the S&P 500 Index fell into correction territory. Investors have taken a risk-off approach amid rapidly rising U.S. Treasury yields, elevated geopolitical risks, and expectations that interest rates will remain higher for longer.

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## Asset Allocation

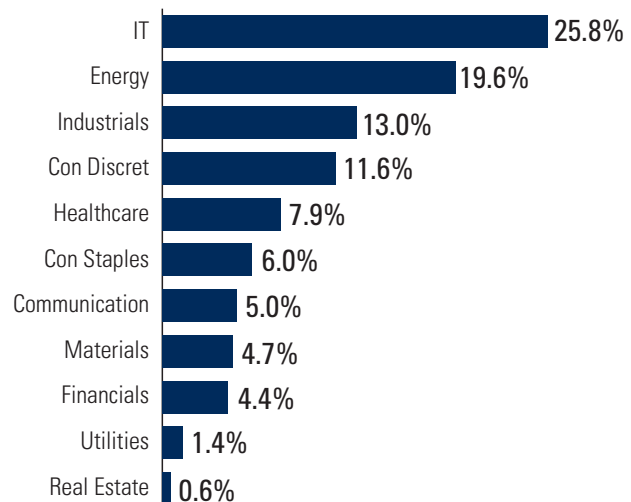


- Fixed Income 30.0%
- Canadian Equities 6.3%
- U.S. Equities 31.0%
- International Equities 5.6%
- Cash & Cash Equivalents 27.1%

## Holdings

BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund**	25.00%
BMO Money Market Fund ETF	17.37%
IA Clarington Core + Bond Fund	15.00%
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BMO International Dividend Hedged to CAD ETF	5.63%
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF	5.63%
BMO NASDAQ 100 Equity Index ETF	5.63%
BMO MSCI Tech & Industrial Index ETF	3.25%
Global X MLP ETF	3.25%
Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	3.25%

## 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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