# Diversiflex Portfolios Balanced

Monthly Update

As at January 31, 2024

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	3.0%	0.3%
3 Month	9.3%	10.1%
6 Month	4.0%	4.3%
9 Month	7.9%	5.8%
YTD	3.0%	0.3%
1 Year	7.0%	7.3%
2 Years	1.8%	2.2%
3 Years	3.3%	5.0%
4 Years	4.4%	5.7%
5 Years	6.1%	7.1%
Since Inception (Jan 2014)	7.4%	6.9%

### **Standard Deviation\***

	Portfolio	Benchmark
3 Year	6.6%	10.2%
5 Year	8.1%	11.0%
Since Inception (Jan 2014)	8.5%	8.8%





# Commentary

#### Portfolio Changes During January

• Bought: Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK)

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

- The highest weighted asset class is U.S. equities at 51.1%
- Information technology is the highest weighted equity sector at 27.9%

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

- The BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund (BMO12258) was the best performer of January, gaining 7.43%
- The Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund (XLK) was the second-best performer for the month, with an 7.16% return

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

 The SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF (XME) was the weakest performer in January, with a -3.15% return

Stocks started the year off strongly, building on the gains seen in November and December. The Canadian equity market ended the month higher, while the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average achieved new all-time highs in January. Technology stocks rallied which pushed the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite and Nasdaq 100 indices higher. The decision by the Bank of Canada and Federal Reserve to keep their benchmark rates steady in January prompted the markets to reassess the likelihood of rate cuts, with March bets seemingly being ruled out.

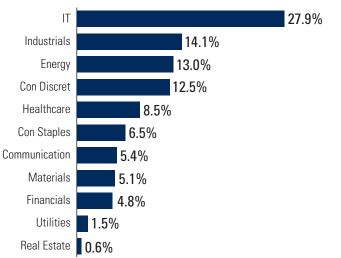
# Asset Allocation

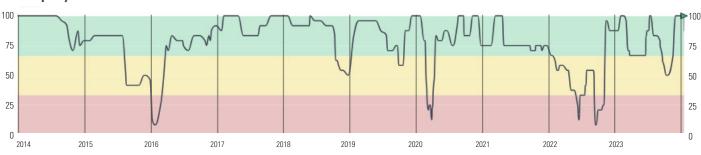


# Holdings

BMO SIA Focused North American Equity Fund**	25.00%
IA Clarington Core + Bond Fund	15.16%
IA Clarington Bond Fund	14.94%
BMO International Dividend Hedged to CAD ETF	7.50%
BMO S&P 500 Index ETF	7.50%
BMO NASDAQ 100 Equity Index ETF	7.50%
SPDR S&P Insurance ETF	5.30%
SPDR Series Trust SPDR Homebuilders ETF	5.30%
SPDR S&P Metals & Mining ETF	5.30%
Technology Select Sector SPDR Fund	5.30%
Cash	1.20%

# **Equity Sector Allocation**





# SIA Equity Action Call





\*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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