

## SMA COMMENTARY

# **Thoughts & Positioning**

### STRATEGY DETAILS

SMA	STRATEGY TYPE
CORE INCOME	NORTH AMERICAN EQUITY
U.S. DIVIDEND	U.S. EQUITY
DIVERSIFIED INCOME	NORTH AMERICAN EQUITY & FIXED INCOME
CANADIAN DIVIDEND	CANADIAN EQUITY
TACTICAL	ASSET ALLOCATION

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#### SMA MANAGER



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## MARKET OVERVIEW

There is some good news out there, and the good news is things have gotten a little worse. Yes, we are all living and investing in the upside-down. It is upside down because signs of weakening economic data are a good thing. It further alleviates inflation concerns, which we believe will continue to fade. The weaker data also helps bring those bond yields back down a bit, and given much of the equity market weakness over the past few months was largely caused by higher yields, weaker data equals good news....for now. Markets certainly became oversold on a shortterm basis in October, and we believe there is an increased probability of equity markets moving higher into the end of the <u>year. H</u>owever, longer-term our views have not moved.

In October, our mandates demonstrated strong relative performance, yet were still negative. The S&P/TSX Composite continued to struggle, declining for the third month in a row, falling -3.21%. Year-to-Date our Core Income is now slightly outperforming the TSX, having gained back a significant amount of ground. The downside risk characteristics across our mandates have been on full display recently, having gained back much of the lost ground versus benchmarks since the beginning of the year. Strong security selection along with a healthy cash balance contributed meaningfully to its outperformance amongst its benchmark.

#### OCTOBER 2023

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### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

We executed several portfolio trades to better position the mandates to take advantage of what we viewed as extreme positioning in the bond market. We decided to sell our holdings in TD Bank to further reduce bank exposure. This move was driven by our view that the potential negative impact of tighter financial conditions and distressing signs in the Canadian housing market will continue to weigh on Canadian banks. We also reduced our energy exposure, trimming Suncor. The proceeds from the sales were reinvested into Emera. as well as into our health care exposure.

Within the Health Care sector, we've exited Bristol-Myers which is in part tax-loss selling provoked, but also to reallocate capital away from deep value names and into companies that have superior growth outlooks such as Merck. Proceeds were used to initiate a new position in Merck. We believe strongly in the growth potential of the pharmaceutical sector and Merck's strong growth prospects. While Merck doesn't have a growth outlook that competes with Eli Lilly, it also doesn't carry with-it skyhigh valuations. It has a strong drug pipeline with solid high single-digit sales growth expectations going out to 2027. The company has a growth profile on the high end of peers, with very strong FCF

generation and margin expansion opportunities. Blockbuster drug Keytruda represents the key pillar of growth. It currently accounts for around 35% of Merck's revenue and this is rising. It trades at reasonable valuations and combined with healthy earnings growth from its core businesses we see the shares as well positioned for multiple expansion. Overall, we view the switch as derisking our pharma exposure by removing the uncertainty that continues to cloud Bristol-Myers.

From an allocation standpoint, being underweight Financials continued to pay off. We exited JPMorgan in the summer, and have now exited TD Bank, leaving our Financial underweight as our largest. Despite this, our existing bank holdings all detracted meaningfully from returns.

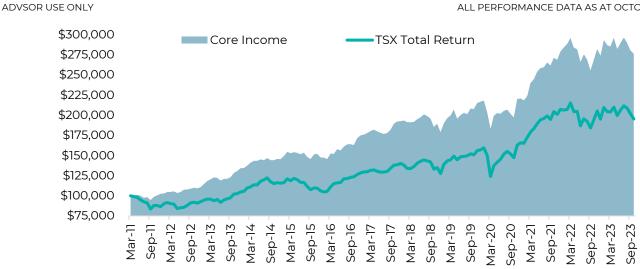
Markets and the economy are gradually adjusting to higher costs of capital (higher yields/rates) and less abundant capital. The process will take a long time to work its way through, causing both up and down oscillations in the stock and bond markets. This will also likely lead to a recession that may not be as soft as the consensus believes. This does have us still leaning towards moderate defense; however, we've grown tactically more bullish given the oversold conditions in

October to take advantage of a potential rally into year-end. If this does transpire, we would anticipate getting a bit more defensive on any strength.

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ALL PERFORMANCE DATA AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2023

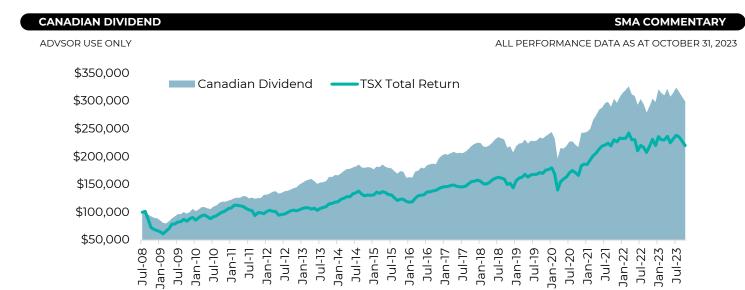


Gross of fees

CORE INCOME

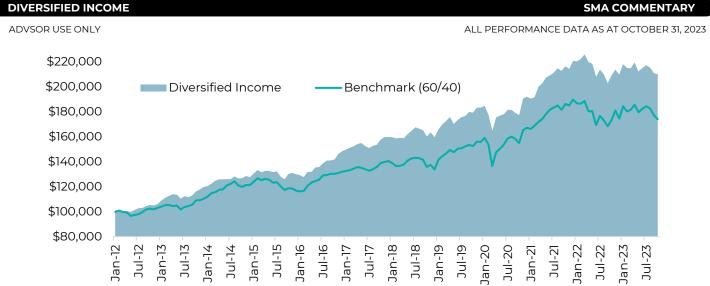
	1-month	3-month	s 6-month	s 1-year	YTD	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year	Inception*
Core Income	-1.5%	-6.9%	-6.8%	2.7%	0.9%	11.9%	8.3%	7.8%	7.9%	8.4%
Benchmark	-3.2%	-7.7%	-7.0%	0.4%	0.1%	9.8%	8.0%	6.7%	6.7%	5.5%
Relative	1.7%	0.9%	0.2%	2.3%	0.8%	2.0%	0.3%	1.1%	1.3%	2.9%
<u>Name</u>	Industry		<u>Weight</u>	<u>Yield</u>			Core Inc	come	тѕх	+/-
SUNCOR ENERGY	Energy		3.1%	4.5%	Real Est	tate	1.29	6	2.2%	-1.1%
ARC RESOURCES LT			3.6%	4.3% 3.1%	Health	Care	13.19	%	0.3%	12.8%
	Energy				Cons St	aples	5.1%	6	4.6%	0.6%
	Energy		1.4%	7.7%	Comm		6.29		3.9%	2.3%
TC ENERGY CORP	Energy –		3.3%	7.5%	Industri		10.2		13.4%	-3.1%
CAMECO CORP	Energy		2.5%		Info Tec	:h	4.59		8.1%	-3.6%
BARRICK GOLD CRP	Materials		3.5%	2.6%	Energy		13.7		18.7%	-5.0%
LUNDIN MINING CO	Materials		1.6%	4.3%	Cons Di		5.89		3.8%	-2.9%
NUTRIEN LTD	Materials		3.0%	4.0%	Materia Utilities		<u> </u>		10.9% 4.0%	1.4%
FINNING INTL INC	Industria	ls	3.1%	2.8%	Financia		14.9		30.1%	-15.2%
LOCKHEED MARTIN	Industria	ls	3.4%	2.8%	Cash	415	11.99		50.170	11.9%
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Industria	ls	3.7%	1.6%	Cush					
MICROSOFT CORP	Info Tech		4.5%	0.8%						
BANK OF NOVA SCO	Financial	S	3.7%	7.2%						
ROYAL BANK OF CA	Financial	S	3.5%	4.6%						
BANK OF MONTREAL	Financial	S	3.9%	5.5%		Interest				
MANULIFE FIN	Financial	S	3.8%	5.7%		Rate Sensitives	Cyclical			
MAGNA INTL	Cons Disc	cretionary	3.2%	3.5%		26.9%	Yield			
PET VALU HOLDING	Cons Disc	cretionary	2.5%	1.5%		Neutral	36.4%			
ALGONQUIN POWER	Utilities		1.2%	7.8%		24.8%				
EMERA INC	Utilities		4.2%	6.0%						
ALLIED PROP REIT	Real Esta	te	1.2%	10.9%						
CHARTWELL RETIRE	Health Ca	are	2.4%	5.9%					US	
ROGERS COMMUNI-B	Telecom		3.4%	3.5%					25.5%	
TELUS CORP	Telecom		2.7%	6.3%						Canada
JAMIESON WELLNES	Cons Sta	ples	2.0%	2.8%						62.6%
PROCTER & GAMBLE	Cons Sta	ples	3.1%	2.5%						
ASTRAZENECA-ADR	Health Ca	are	3.5%	1.5%						
MEDTRONIC PLC	Health Ca		3.3%	3.9%						
MERCK & CO	Health Ca		3.9%	2.9%						
PURPOSE HIGH INT			7.5%	5.6%						NH NH
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	1-month	3-months	6-months	1-year	YTD	3yr	5yr	10yr	Inception*
CW Canadian Dividend	-2.5%	-7.6%	-7.0%	3.1%	0.5%	11.3%	6.7%	6.2%	7.5%
S&P/TSX Total Return	-3.2%	-7.7%	-7.0%	0.4%	0.1%	9.8%	8.0%	6.7%	5.3%
+/-	0.7%	0.1%	0.0%	2.6%	0.4%	1.4%	-1.2%	-0.5%	2.2%

Name	<u>Industry</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Yield</u>		Cdn Dividend	TSX	+/-
TC ENERGY CORP	Energy	3.4%	7.5%	Real Estate	4.2%	2.2%	1.9%
ENBRIDGE INC	Energy	3.3%	7.7%	Health Care	2.9%	0.3%	2.6%
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	Energy	3.1%	4.5%	Cons Staples	2.3%	4.6%	-2.2%
ARC RESOURCES LTD	Energy	4.6%	3.1%	Comm Svs	7.9%	3.9%	4.0%
CAMECO CORP	Energy	2.4%		Industrials	7.2%	13.4%	-6.1%
LUNDIN MINING CORP	Materials	1.5%	4.3%	Info Tech	3.0%	8.1%	-5.1%
WHEATON PRECIOUS METALS CORP	Materials	3.4%	1.4%	Energy	16.7%	18.7%	-2.0%
BARRICK GOLD CORP	Materials	3.0%	2.6%	Cons Disc Materials	<u>5.7%</u> 10.7%	3.8% 10.9%	1.9% -0.2%
NUTRIEN LTD	Materials	2.9%	4.0%	Utilities	6.2%	4.0%	2.1%
FINNING INTERNATIONAL INC	Industrials	4.6%	2.8%	Financials	22.7%	30.1%	-7.4%
CANADIAN NATL RAILWAY CO	Industrials	2.7%	2.1%	Cash	10.4%	00.170	10.4%
ENGHOUSE SYSTEMS LTD	Info Tech	3.0%	2.6%				
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	Financials	4.8%	4.6%				
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	Financials	3.2%	7.2%				
BANK OF MONTREAL	Financials	4.8%	5.5%				
TORONTO-DOMINION BANK	Financials	3.8%	4.7%		Global		
MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP	Financials	3.6%	5.7%	Defen 26.83			
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL INC	Financials	2.5%	4.6%		24.37%		
MAGNA INTERNATIONAL INC	Cons Disc	3.4%	3.5%		Interest		
PET VALU HOLDINGS LTD	Cons Disc	2.3%	1.5%		Sensitive	N.A.	
CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDEN	Health Care	2.9%	5.9%		35.46%	Cyclical	
ALLIED PROPERTIES REAL ESTAT	Real Estate	1.2%	10.9%			10.25%	
DREAM INDUSTRIAL REAL ESTATE	Real Estate	2.9%	5.8%				
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC-B	Comm Svs	3.6%	3.5%				
TELUS CORP	Comm Svs	4.3%	6.3%				
ALGONQUIN POWER & UTILITIES	Utilities	1.7%	7.8%				
EMERA INC	Utilities	4.4%	6.0%				
JAMIESON WELLNESS INC	Cons Staples	2.3%	2.8%				~
PURPOSE HIGH INTEREST SAVING	Cash	8.1%	5.6%				()
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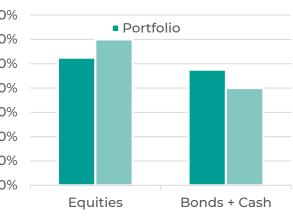


Souce: Purpose Investments, gross of fees

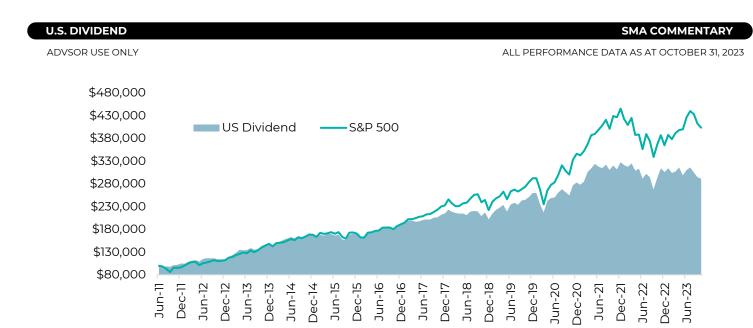
	1-month	3-months	6-months	1-year	YTD	3-year	5-year	7-year	10-year	Inception
<b>Diversified Income</b>	-0.4%	-3.3%	-4.3%	0.5%	0.1%	5.8%	5.6%	5.8%	6.1%	6.5%
Benchmark (60/40)	-1.8%	-5.6%	-6.2%	0.4%	-0.3%	4.0%	5.1%	4.2%	4.8%	4.8%
+/-	1.4%	2.3%	1.9%	0.1%	0.4%	1.8%	0.5%	1.6%	1.3%	1.7%

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TC ENERGY CORP	Energy	2.4%	7.5%	
SUNCOR ENERGY INC	Energy	3.1%	4.5%	I
ARC RESOURCES LTD	Energy	2.8%	3.1%	l
NUTRIEN LTD	Materials	2.2%	4.0%	
BARRICK GOLD CORP	Materials	2.3%	2.6%	
WASTE MANAGEMENT INC	Industrials	2.6%	1.6%	
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORP	Industrials	2.6%	2.8%	
FINNING INTERNATIONAL INC	Industrials	1.8%	2.8%	
MICROSOFT CORP	Information Techno	3.1%	0.8%	
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	Financials	2.7%	7.2%	
ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	Financials	4.3%	4.6%	
TORONTO-DOMINION BANK	Financials	2.5%	4.7%	I
MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP	Financials	2.5%	5.7%	
MAGNA INTERNATIONAL INC	Cons Disc	1.7%	3.5%	
ALGONQUIN POWER & UTILITIES	Utilities	1.5%	7.8%	70%
EMERA INC	Utilities	2.5%	6.0%	60%
ROGERS COMMUNICATIONS INC-B	Communication Ser	1.8%	3.5%	0070
TELUS CORP	Communication Ser	2.2%	6.3%	50%
MEDTRONIC PLC	Health Care	1.3%	3.9%	40%
ASTRAZENECA PLC-SPONS ADR	Health Care	2.4%	1.5%	30%
ALLIED PROPERTIES REAL ESTAT	Real Estate	1.2%	10.9%	30%
CHARTWELL RETIREMENT RESIDEN	Health Care	3.1%	5.9%	20%
				10%
CANADA GOV	1% 1 Jun 2027	4.5%	4.04%	00/
ISHARES CORE CANADIAN SHORT	XSB	13.7%	2.81%	0%
BMO AGGREGATE BOND INDEX ETF	ZAG	12.2%	3.66%	
PURPOSE HIGH INTEREST SAVING	PSA	6.9%	5.56%	
BMO LADDERED PREFERRED SHARE	ZPR	2.9%	6.25%	
BC PROV 2.3%	18-Jun-26	5.0%	4.55%	

	Diversified Income
Energy	15.7%
Materials	8.6%
Industrials	13.4%
Cons Disc	3.2%
Cons Staples	0.0%
Financials	22.8%
Health Care	12.9%
Info Tech	6.0%
Telecom	7.6%
Utilities	7.5%
Real Estate	2.3%





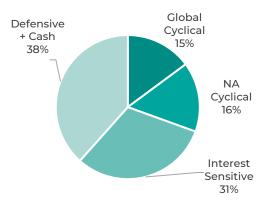


	1-month	3-months	6-months	1-year	YTD	3-year	5-year	7-year	Incep
US Dividend	-1.3%	-7.9%	-8.0%	-0.5%	-4.8%	4.5%	6.8%	7.2%	9.0%
S&P 500	-2.1%	-8.3%	1.4%	10.1%	10.7%	10.4%	11.0%	12.2%	12.0%
+/-	0.8%	0.3%	-9.4%	-10.6%	-15.5%	-5.8%	-4.2%	-5.0%	-2.9%
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Name	Sector	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Yield</u>
CHEVRON CORP	Energy	2.8%	4.2%
DEVON ENERGY CORP	Energy	3.1%	6.8%
AVIENT CORP	Materials	2.9%	3.2%
NEWMONT CORP	Materials	2.7%	4.7%
CF INDUSTRIES HOLDINGS INC	Materials	3.4%	2.0%
WASTE MANAGEMENT INC	Industrials	4.9%	1.6%
LOCKHEED MARTIN CORP	Industrials	3.0%	2.8%
INTL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP	Info Tech	2.3%	4.5%
ERICSSON (LM) TEL-SP ADR	Info Tech	1.2%	5.3%
MICROSOFT CORP	Info Tech	4.4%	0.8%
BLACKROCK INC	Financials	3.9%	3.0%
METLIFE INC	Financials	2.8%	3.4%
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO	Financials	2.3%	2.9%
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	Financials	5.3%	3.4%
CITIGROUP INC	Financials	2.3%	5.0%
AMERICAN TOWER CORP	Real Estate	2.2%	3.5%
MCDONALD'S CORP	Cons Disc	3.6%	2.5%
STARBUCKS CORP	Cons Disc	5.8%	2.2%
KIMBERLY-CLARK CORP	Cons Staples	3.2%	3.9%
PROCTER & GAMBLE CO/THE	Cons Staples	4.7%	2.5%
CONAGRA BRANDS INC	Cons Staples	3.0%	5.0%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV-SPN ADR	Cons Staples	3.7%	1.4%
ASTRAZENECA PLC-SPONS ADR	Health Care	3.5%	1.5%
MERCK & CO. INC.	Health Care	3.0%	2.9%
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	Health Care	2.8%	3.2%
MEDTRONIC PLC	Health Care	3.6%	3.9%
XCEL ENERGY INC	Utilities	2.8%	3.5%
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC	Comm Services	3.4%	7.4%
HORIZONS USD CASH MAXIMIZER	Cash	5.4%	5.4%

Energy Materials Industrials Info Tech Financials Cons Disc Cons Staples Comm Services Utilities Health Care Real Estate Cash

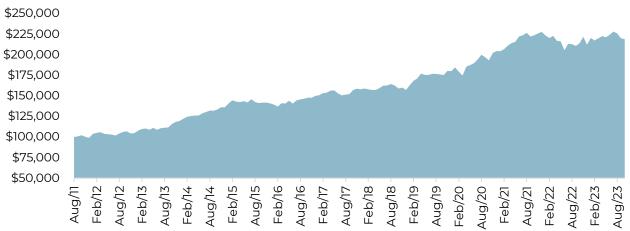
US		
Dividend	S&P 500	+/-
6%	4%	1.6%
9%	2%	6.6%
8%	8%	-0.4%
8%	29%	-21.5%
17%	13%	4.0%
9%	11%	-1.2%
15%	6%	8.3%
3%	9%	-5.4%
3%	2%	0.4%
13%	13%	0.3%
2%	2%	-0.2%
7%		7.4%





ALL PERFORMANCE DATA AS AT OCTOBER 31, 2023





After management fees

	1-month	3-months	6-months	1-year	YTD	3-year	5-year	Inception
<b>Tactical ETF</b>	-0.5%	-4.0%	-1.5%	2.6%	3.4%	4.5%	6.9%	6.9%
Benchmark	-1.1%	-4.8%	-4.2%	2.8%	2.2%	3.9%	5.6%	6.4%
+/-	0.7%	0.7%	2.7%	-0.1%	1.1%	0.6%	1.3%	0.5%

Model Driven Positions	<u>Focus</u>	<u>Weight</u>
HORIZONS S&P/TSX 60 INDEX ET	Cdn Equity	27.2%
ISHARES CORE CAN UNIV BOND	Cdn Bond	16.2%
VANGUARD CANADIAN ST BD ETF	Cdn Short Bond	14.8%
VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MKT ETF	US Equity	12.7%
INVESCO QQQ TRUST SERIES 1	US Tech	10.4%
VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MARKET	US Bond	9.7%
VANGUARD SHORT-TERM BOND ETF	US Short Bond	6.7%

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