

Quarterly portfolio Summary



Sample ETF Portfolio

March 31, 2014

			Target
<u>Current Investment Mix:</u>	%	\$	%
Fixed Income:	61.73%	\$16,891.76	65.00%
Growth:	37.07%	\$10,144.26	35.00%
Cash/Cash Equivalents:*	1.20%	\$327.61	0.00%
Totals:	100.00%	\$27,363.63	100.00%
Estimated Annual Income:		\$782.82	
Est. Annual Investment Costs:	0.22%	\$56.99	

<u>Bond Maturities:</u>	\$		
Cash/Cash Equivalents:	\$328	2018*	\$1,441
2014*	\$1,441	2019	\$0
2015*	\$1,441	2020	\$5,000
2016*	\$1,441	2021	\$5,000
2017*	\$1,441		

*Estimated maturity in ETFs

Preferred Shares: \$1,538.05
% of Portfolio: 5.62%

<u>Stock Market Sector Weightings:</u>	\$10,144.26	Invested for growth & allocated to
Energy (includes pipelines)	17.09%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Financial Services:	10.38%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Mining & Metals:	13.16%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Gold & Precious Metals:	0.00%	
Industrial Products:	19.37%	(Horizon S&P/TSX & BMO Industrials ETFs)
Communications:	3.01%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Utilities:	16.90%	(BMO Utilities & Horizon S&P/TSX ETFs)
Consumer Staples:	5.29%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Transportation:	3.40%	(BMO Industrials Index)
Consumer Discretionary:	6.22%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Health Care:	2.44%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Real Estate:	0.00%	
Forestry:	0.00%	
Technology:	2.74%	(Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index)
Inverse ETFs/Short Positions:	0.00%	
	100.00%	

Sample Exchange Traded Fund Portfolio

31-Mar-2014

	Investment's Description	Credit Rating	Average Cost:	Book Value:	Current Price:	Market Value:	Yield:*	Trailing Ann. Income:
\$328	Cash Balance Interest/Dividends Received		\$1.00	\$327.61	\$1.00	\$327.61	0.00%	\$0.00
<u>Bonds and GICs:</u>								
725	First Asset DEX 1-5 Year Laddered Government Strip Bond Index	(BXF)	\$9.94	\$7,206.50	\$10.06	\$7,293.50	1.86%	\$134.20
\$5,000	Transcanada Pipelines Ltd Discount Bond, Matures: 20-Nov-2020	A	\$76.54	\$3,826.80	\$78.64	\$3,931.85	3.66%	\$153.14
\$5,000	Bell Canada Discount Bond, Matures: 01-Jun-2021	A (low)	\$72.35	<u>\$3,617.40</u>	\$76.02	<u>\$3,800.75</u>	4.14%	\$167.96
<i>Cash, Bond and GIC Totals:</i>				\$14,978.31		\$15,353.71	3.04%	\$455.30
<u>Preferred Shares:</u>								
95	iShares S&P/TSX Canadian Preferred Share Index	CPD	\$16.71	<u>\$1,587.45</u>	\$16.19	<u>\$1,538.05</u>	4.39%	\$69.72
<i>Fixed Income Investment Totals:</i>				\$16,565.76		\$16,891.76	3.17%	\$525.02

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<u>Growth Investments:</u>								
<u>Broad Market Index:</u>								
540	Horizon S&P/TSX 60 Equal Weight Index	HEW	\$10.65	\$5,751.00	\$12.20	\$6,588.00	2.52%	\$144.88
<u>Industrial Products Sector:</u>								
87	BMO S&P/TSX Equal Weight Industrials Index	ZIN	\$17.27	\$1,502.49	\$21.88	\$1,903.56	2.44%	\$36.68
<u>Utilities Sector:</u>								
105	BMO S&P/TSX Equal Weight Utilities Index	ZUT	\$14.25	<u>\$1,496.25</u>	\$15.74	<u>\$1,652.70</u>	5.10%	\$76.24
<i>Growth Investment Totals:</i>				\$8,749.74		\$10,144.26	2.95%	\$257.80
ETF Portfolio Totals:				\$25,315.50		\$27,363.63	3.09%	\$782.82

Trailing Annual Income = is for the trailing 12 month period and includes the ETF distributions paid out, plus the accrued interest earned on the discount bonds.

Bond pricing = The 'Bid' price as at the close of the last trading day in the period. Data provided by Bondview.

Stock market data = closing trade on the last trading day in the period. Data provided by QuoteMedia.

* **Distribution Yield** = the 12-month trailing \$ distributions divided by the portfolio's Average Cost - representing the portfolio's yield, not the market yield. The ETF distributions may include a Return of Capital and it may not be accurate to compare individual ETF distribution yields.

Thoughts and concerns

- We continue to believe interest rates will remain low and are not on the verge of a new, long-term, rising trend. With reference to the Federal Reserve's Quantitative Easing program, we continue to believe.
 - The assets accumulated to date (some [\\$4.3](#) trillion and growing) through the QE programs are now a permanent feature of the Federal Reserve's balance sheet. Contrary to popular belief, we believe the Federal Reserve will not be selling these assets and reducing its balance sheet back to the pre-financial crisis level of [\\$800](#) billion.
 - Currently the Federal Reserve has decided to decrease the amount of monthly purchases made under QE, this reduction in purchases is not a tightening in monetary policy and should not lead to a new, long-term, rising trend in interest rates.
 - The vast majority of the liquidity injected under the Quantitative Easing program has not accomplished the desired pick up in economic growth. It has however led to the banks and financial institutions accumulating a total of [\\$2.57](#) trillion in excess reserves—money that is sitting on the sidelines rather than being loaned out into the economy. That's up from a norm of around \$2 billion before the crisis.
- *What's the next step for central banks?* With interest rates at historical lows and the QE liquidity stalled on bank balance sheets as reserves, the next step may well be for central banks to start charging deposit taking institutions interest on reserve balances. This should motivate banks to move their cash out of central bank hands, but it is doubtful the money will shift into the economy, but rather - most probably, it will shift into bonds and maybe the stock markets. Thereby keeping interest rates low and possibly helping markets to push higher.
- Demographics continue to work against interest rates moving higher. Baby boomers are retiring and this is causing a fundamental shift away from consumption (which is inflationary) toward increased savings and debt reduction (both are disinflationary).

Note: *A low inflation and low interest-rate environment should benefit both stocks and bonds this year and next. If central banks shift toward a "negative-interest" rate policy, then bond and stock markets could see a strong inflow of capital as banks move reserves out of the central banks.*

- We continue to believe that economic growth in the western (developed)

economies will be anemic at best (0.5% to 2.0%) over the next 3 years or so and we believe deflation will continue to be a growing concern for these economies.

Note: *If deflation does eventually take hold, then income-generating investments with set maturity dates, i.e. bonds and Guaranteed Investment Certificates, should benefit. Even high-quality preferred shares, with their dominating feature of high, fixed dividend income, should do fine. In a deflationary environment, ownership assets, i.e. stocks and real estate, might not perform well.*

- Looking forward, we believe that in a low interest rate, no inflation and anemic economy, corporate revenues and profits will continue to struggle to achieve anything greater than single-digit growth in the coming years.
- In recent years, we have watched as more and more companies, faced with slowing revenue growth, are adopting a [borrow-to-buy-back strategy](#) as an easy method to grow their earnings-per-share numbers. Companies following this strategy, borrow from investors and use the borrowed money to buy back their shares. This maneuver decreases the number of shares issued and outstanding, which in turn increases the company's calculated "Earnings-per-share" number, thereby giving the impression that the company's earnings are growing faster than they actually are. This trend should continue (and maybe even increase) in the next few years.

Example: *If a company has total earnings of \$10.00 and it has issued a total of 10 shares, then the company's calculated "Earnings-per-share" would equal \$1.00 per share (\$10.00 divided by 10 shares). So now lets say the company's total earnings in the following year didn't grow at all and are still \$10.00. But during the year the company borrowed and bought back 2 of its 10 issued shares, leaving 8 shares outstanding. So now the company's "Earnings-per-share" can be calculated as \$1.25 per share - creating a 25% increase in "Earnings-per-share" without any actual increase in total earnings.*

- We believe that as developed economies continue to struggle with anemic economic growth emerging markets will not be immune. Economic growth rates in the emerging economies will continue to decline causing those governments to take greater interventionist actions in their economies as domestic growth shifts to lower levels.

Investment cycle

Currently stock markets around the world have pushed past previous market peaks and continue to push for new highs. History demonstrates that as stock markets break to new highs investors are best served by focusing on their long-

term asset allocation and re-balancing frequently. Investors that allow greed to dictate their asset allocation often suffer outsized investment losses when stock markets eventually peak out.