Enhanced Yield ETF Portfolio

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a key solution for clients looking for income.

5.9% portfolio vield

Tax-efficient, sustainable income

to meet monthly cash flow needs

Higher yield

with covered call overlay on stable dividends

Global, go-anywhere mandate

focused on income and growth

Multi-Asset Solutions Team (MAST): 5 Lenses Outlook† - July 2024

Lens 1 Asset Mix

- We remain neutral across our asset mix between stocks, bonds and cash.
- While the global economy remains resilient, we think equities are exposed to elevated valuation multiples as multiple risks lie ahead.
- The political cycle is heating up, especially in the U.S. where odds to Trump rose after a challenging debate for the Democrats while France is also facing greater political uncertainty
- Investors must also face somewhat sticky inflation fear and delayed U.S. Federal Reserve ("Fed") cuts, which could turn into headwinds for equities this summer.

Tactical Score:

Equities	0
Fixed Income	0
Cash	0

Lens 2 Asset Class Equity

- Our outlook and the loonie. regional equity mix remains unchanged this month as the economy and markets largely evolve along the lines of our expectations.
- We remain underweight to Canadian equities and continue to prefer U.S. equities.
- We prefer to be tilted toward U.S. equities with its bias for higher quality and benefit from the more robust U.S. economy.
- We expect the Canadian economic outlook to continue to soften as elevated interest rates are weighing on the economic.

Tactical Score:

Canada	-1
U.S.A.	+1
EAFE	0
EM	0

Lens 3 Asset Class Fixed Income

- We downgraded high-yield corporate bonds to a small underweight as spreads to government bonds are tight and relatively unattractive
- While the Bank of Canada appears ready to ease monetary policy more than the markets expect, interest-rate duration ultimately needs some Fed easing, but the Fed remains handcuffed by data for now.
- We remain bullish on gold as a hedge against the risk that long-term interest rates might continue to drift higher or if the U.S. economy was to cool faster than expected.

Tactical Score:

IG Credit	0
High Yield	▼ -1
EM Debt	0
Duration	0

Lens 4 Style/Factor

- We continue to prefer higher quality companies who enjoy stronger balance sheets and pricing power, which enables them to have more resilient and wider profit margins.
- We remain bullish on firms with strong dividends as interest rates are likely to decrease in 2024, albeit modestly; we expect investors to rotate in favour of that sector this year.

 We remain bullish on value companies
- as we expect sticky inflation fear to favour value-oriented companies.

 We remain bullish on low-volatility companies to better navigate a potentially more volatile equity market.

Tactical Score:

Value	+1
Volatility	-1
Quality	+1
Yield	+1

Lens 5 Implementation

- We continue to like gold as a hedge against downside macro risks.
- We think gold could continue to shine if investors were surprised with renewed recession fear or infaltion anxiety which could lead to further delaying expectations for Fed rate cuts and re-ignite a risk-off U.S. Dollar rally and weigh on the loonie.
- Several central banks are steadily increasing their allocation to gold as a share of their international reserves, which is helping boost demand for gold.

Tactical Score:

Canadian Dollar	-1
Gold	+2

▲ Indicates an increase in the tactical score month-over-month | ▼ Indicates a decrease in the tactical score month-over-month



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Portfolio Guidelines

	Benchmark	
Bonds	25%	
Equities	75%	

Benchmark is defined as 25% FTSE TMX Canada Universe Bond Index, 20% MSCI Canada High Dividend Yield Index, 30% MSCI USA High Dividend Yield Index (USD) and 25% MSCI Europe High Dividend Yield Index

Holdings as of June 30, 2024

Ticker	Asset Class	Weight (%)
	Cash - CAD	2.1
ZAG	BMO AGGREGATE BOND INDEX ETF	11.3
ZST	BMO ULTRA SHORT-TERM BOND ETF	3.7
ZFL	BMO LONG FEDERAL BOND INDEX ETF	3.0
ZCM	BMO MID CORPORATE BOND INDEX ETF	2.5
	Canadian Fixed Income	20.6
ZMU	BMO MID-TERM US IG CORPORATE BOND HEDGED TO CAD INDEX ETF	2.5
	U.S. Fixed Income	2.5
	EM Fixed Income	0.0
	Fixed Income	23.1
ZWC ZWB ZRE ZPR ZPAY	BMO CANADIAN HIGH DIVIDEND COVERED CALL ETF BMO COVERED CALL CANADIAN BANKS ETF BMO EQUAL WEIGHT REITS INDEX ETF BMO LADDERED PREFERRED SHARE INDEX ETF BMO PREMIUM YIELD ETF	11.9 3.4 3.3 0.0 5.9
	Canadian Equity	24.5
ZWA ZQQ ZWH ZUP ZWEN HHL	BMO COVERED CALL DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE HEDGED TO CAD ETF (HEDGED UNITS) BMO NASDAQ 100 EQUITY INDEX ETF (HEDGED UNITS) BMO US HIGH DIVIDEND COVERED CALL ETF BMO US PREFERRED SHARE INDEX ETF BMO COVERED CALL ENERGY ETF HARVEST HEALTHCARE LEADERS INCOME ETF	2.5 5.7 17.3 0.0 3.8 2.4
	U.S. Equity	31.7
ZWP ZDI	BMO EUROPE HIGH DIVIDEND COVER BMO INTL DIVIDEND ETF UNITS	15.1 3.5
	EAFE Equity	18.6
	EM Equity	0.0
	Equity	74.8
	TOTAL	100.0

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Global Asset Management

¹BMO Global Asset Management based on the underlying ETFs as of June 30, 2024.

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