

## **Investment- Strategy and Objectives**

Outcome Wealth Management manages portfolios comprised of large, liquid ETFs. Our strategies are designed to provide efficient global diversification, offer better protection in bear markets, and deliver higher long-term returns.

## **Monthly Results**

| Growth 100          | Jan      | Feb      | Mar      | Apr      | May          | Jun           | Jul          | Aug           | Sep           | Oct          | Nov          | Dec          | YTD          |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2017                | -        | -        | -        | -        | 1.63%        | -0.09%        | 1.98%        | 0.05%         | 0.43%         | 1.47%        | 0.37%        | 1.40%        | 7.45%        |
| 2018                | 1.57%    | -2.93%   | -0.25%   | -0.19%   | 0.52%        | 0.74%         | 0.91%        | 0.88%         | -             | -            | -            | -            | 1.19%        |
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| Moderate 50         | lan      | Foli     | Dan      | A va v   | May          | Lun           | tol          | A             | Con           | Oct          | New          | Dee          | VTD          |
| Moderate 50         | Jan      | Feb      | Mar      | Apr      | May          | Jun           | Jul          | Aug           | Sep           | Oct          | Nov          | Dec          | YTD          |
| Moderate 50<br>2017 | Jan<br>- | Feb<br>- | Mar<br>- | Apr<br>- | May<br>0.63% | Jun<br>-0.12% | Jul<br>0.95% | Aug<br>-0.10% | Sep<br>-0.57% | Oct<br>0.79% | Nov<br>0.09% | Dec<br>0.53% | YTD<br>2.21% |

#### **GTAA Growth 100**

During August, the GTAA Growth strategy increased its exposure to growth-sensitive assets from 50% to 60%, with the remaining 40% deployed in U.S. short-term investment grade bonds. Within the growth category, the greatest contributions came from our 10% long positions in U.S. stocks (up 3.2%), U.S. REITs (up 2.6%), and U.S. preferred shares (up 1.4%). The largest detractors from performance came from our 10% long positions in emerging market sovereign bonds (down 2.3%) and Canadian stocks (down 0.9%).

For September, the strategy is retaining its 10% positions in U.S. stocks, Canadian stocks, U.S. REITS, U.S. high yield bonds and U.S. preferred shares, while liquidating its 10% position in emerging market sovereign bonds. The remaining 50% of the portfolio is invested in U.S. short-term investment grade corporate bonds.

#### **GTAA Moderate 50**

During August, the GTAA Moderate strategy was 50% invested in growth assets, with the remaining 50% invested in U.S. short-term investment grade corporate bonds. Specifically, we had six, 8.3% long positions in U.S. REITs (up 2.6%), Canadian stocks (down 0.9%), U.S. preferred shares (up 1.4%), U.S. high yield bonds (up 0.7%), U.S. dividend-paying stocks (up 2%), and emerging market sovereign bonds (down 2.3%).

For September, the strategy is maintaining five of its six previous positions (we liquidated our exposure to emerging market sovereign bonds), while adjusting their weights up from 8.3% each to 10% each. Overall, the strategy remains 50% invested in pro-cyclical assets, with the remaining 50% of the portfolio invested in U.S. short-term investment grade corporate bonds.



# **ETF Performance**

| Symbol | Geography               | Asset Class                           | Aug  | YTD  | 1 Year | 3 Year | 5 Year |
|--------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------|------|--------|--------|--------|
| XIU    | Canada                  | Stocks                                | -0.8 | 2.5  | 11.5   | 8.6    | 8.4    |
| SPY    | U.S.                    | Stocks                                | 3.2  | 9.7  | 19.3   | 15.5   | 13.8   |
| VNQ    | U.S.                    | REITs                                 | 2.6  | 3.0  | 4.2    | 8.6    | 9.3    |
| PFF    | U.S.                    | Preferred Shares                      | 1.4  | 3.0  | 2.6    | 4.5    | 5.5    |
| HYG    | U.S.                    | High Yield Corporate Bonds            | 0.7  | 1.9  | 2.4    | 5.0    | 3.8    |
| SJNK   | U.S.                    | Short Term High Yield Corporate Bonds | 0.5  | 3.1  | 3.9    | 5.0    | 2.9    |
| LQD    | U.S.                    | Inv. Grade Corporate Bonds            | 0.0  | -3.1 | -1.9   | 3.4    | 3.7    |
| SDY    | U.S.                    | High Dividend Stocks                  | 2.0  | 5.3  | 15.5   | 14.4   | 11.8   |
| TLT    | U.S.                    | Long Term Treasuries                  | 1.3  | -3.2 | -3.0   | 2.4    | 5.3    |
| VCSH   | U.S.                    | Short Term Inv. Grade Corporate Bonds | 0.5  | 0.3  | -0.1   | 1.8    | 1.9    |
| IEV    | Europe                  | Stocks                                | -3.1 | -2.7 | 1.8    | 5.2    | 4.5    |
| RWX    | International           | REITs                                 | -1.3 | -1.8 | 2.8    | 4.2    | 4.2    |
| EWJ    | Japan                   | Stocks                                | -0.5 | -2.1 | 8.0    | 7.8    | 7.3    |
| EEM    | <b>Emerging Markets</b> | Stocks                                | -3.8 | -7.8 | -1.5   | 10.4   | 4.4    |
| EMB    | <b>Emerging Markets</b> | Sovereign Bonds                       | -2.3 | -6.2 | -5.2   | 4.1    | 4.4    |

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