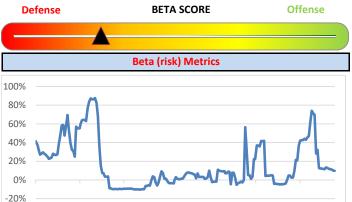
# BMO Tactical Balanced ETF Fund Highlights

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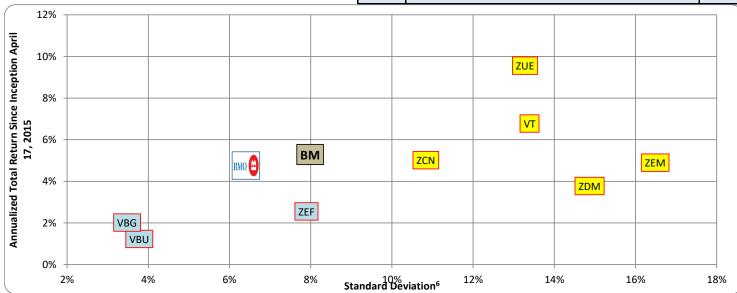
May-15 Dec-15	Jul-16	Feb-17 S	ep-17 Apr-	18
As of: Apr 26 2019	04/26/19	04/12/19	Change	
FX (USD)	11.2%	11.6%	-0.4%	
Beta <sup>2</sup>	12.4%	9.9%	2.5%	
Correlation	25.9%	20.4%	5.5%	
Yield <sup>3</sup>	3.14%	3.12%	0.02%	
ETF Holdings	19	19	0	
Volatility <sup>4</sup>	6.41%	6.43% -0.03%		
CAD	1.3455	1.3391	0.5%	

Performance Wetrics						
Total Return	Net	Gross	Upside/Downside <sup>5</sup>			
YTD	4.61%	5.21%	Upside	36%		
Prev. Month	-0.18%	-0.02%	Downside	32%		
Prev. Quarter	0.95%	1.43%	Months Up	32		
Prev. Year	2.06%	3.98%	Months Dn	16		
Annualized SI	2.84%	4.76%				
Sharpe Ratio	0.74					

### **Market Strategy (Risk Management)**

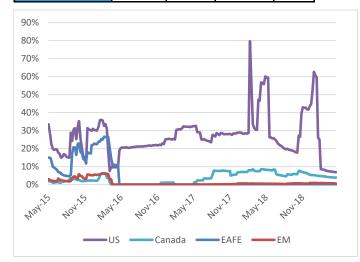
DEFENSE: The current beta is 12.4% vs. the benchmark of 55.5% up from 9.9% last week. We are very defensive. Our top holdings are all fixed-income. We are in capital preservation mode and look to have positive returns in the coming recession. There are some asset classes that will rise in a global economic slowdown or outright decline. They are not equities in general. The challenge is that in the traditional defensive areas like staples and utilities, they are not cheap. They are expensive on a P/E basis, but not on a risk (volatility) basis. We will be increasing exposure to these sectors and adding duration to our fixed-income exposure. We added to international (BWZ) and emerging market debt (EMLC) this week largely on currency weakness. Currencies are generally uncorrelated to equities and bond returns. They will be a great asset class in the coming late cycle slowdown.

Top Holdings				
Ticker	Name	Position		
ZST	BMO Ultra Short-Term Bond ETF	45.3%		
EMLC	VanEck Vectors J.P. Morgan EM Local Currency Bond ETF	9.0%		
TLT	iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	7.6%		
FLOT	iShares Floating Rate Bond ETF	7.3%		
ZPR	BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF	5.9%		
BWZ	SPDR Bloomberg Barclays Short Term International Treasury B	4.4%		
ZGD	BMO Equal Weight Global Gold Index ETF	2.5%		
AMLP	Alerian MLP ETF	2.0%		
ZPH	BMO US Put Write Hedged to CAD ETF	1.9%		
ZPW	BMO US Put Write ETF	1.6%		
ZWU	BMO Covered Call Utilities ETF	1.5%		
zwc	BMO Canadian High Dividend Covered Call ETF	1.3%		
GLD	SPDR Gold Shares	0.7%		
ZUP	BMO US Preferred Share Index ETF	0.7%		
GDX	VanEck Vectors Gold Miners ETF	0.6%		
ZRR	BMO Real Return Bond Index ETF	0.5%		
SHV	iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF	0.0%		
Total		92.7%		



## **Tactical Asset Allocation**

Equity	US	Canada	EAFE	EM
04/26/19	6.9%	3.8%	0.1%	0.7%
04/12/19	7.0%	3.9%	0.1%	0.7%
Change	-0.2%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%



Sector	04/26/19	04/12/19	Change
Financials	0.55%	0.55%	0.0%
Energy	3.47%	3.55%	-0.1%
Health Care	0.61%	0.61%	0.0%
Technology	0.64%	0.65%	0.0%
Industrials	0.41%	0.42%	0.0%
Discretionary	0.68%	0.69%	0.0%
Real Estate	9.85%	4.45%	5.4%
Staples	0.17%	0.18%	0.0%
Telecom	0.53%	0.54%	0.0%
Utilities	0.76%	0.78%	0.0%
Materials	3.52%	3.65%	-0.1%
Government	28.86%	22.12%	6.7%
Corporate	51.71%	52.42%	-0.7%
C\$ Cash	31.41%	30.01%	1.4%
U\$ Cash	-30.42%	-23.42%	-7.0%
Preferred	6.44%	6.58%	-0.1%
Commodity	0.68%	0.68%	0.0%

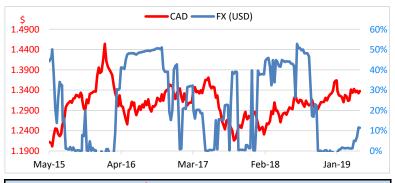
Bonds	Corp.	Govt.	Pref.	Cash	Duration
04/26/19	51.7%	28.9%	6.4%	1.0%	3.28
04/12/19	52.4%	22.1%	6.6%	6.6%	3.04
Change	-0.7%	6.7%	-0.1%	-5.6%	0.24

### **Equity Country/Sector Allocation & Trades**

We are not concerned about a new bull market developing. The markets are excited about a trade resolution and a dovish Fed. Nevertheless, the global economy continues to slow and the lagged impact of tighter policy will likely have negative impacts for growth. The global economy is only growing based on leverage and easy money. In the long run, we are seeing huge misallocation of capital and the credit bubble that's building will likely end badly. China may be at the front of that wave with the credit risk of the S&P 500 flirting with the biggest credit bubble in history. To say we are a growth skeptic would be an understatement. For the next several years, tactical asset allocation may be our only real return possibility. Europe is cheap because it's a house of cards with its strongest economy, Germany, basically in a recession. EM is cheap because it's leveraged to Europe. The US is overvalued because it's the only economy that's working, but that's been 100% leverage for the past decade with free money, which is coming to an end--especially with the political shift to the LEFT.

### **Currency Strategy & Trades**

We have moved our U\$ target over the next year to 76-70 cents with a bias towards the ALL-TIME low of 62 cents by the time the global recession plays out. Twin deficits and stupidity in Ottawa are the catalysts along with world energy prices collapsing in the downturn. We look to build U\$\$ exposure towards 50% of the portfolio in the coming months. That would push the beta of the portfolio to negative levels where we hope to have positive returns as the bear plays out.



#### **Fixed-Income/Commodity Allocation & Trades**

The most important consideration in our fixed-income portfolio is interest-rate sensitivity versus the benchmark of 6.21. The duration of the portfolio is 3.28 up 0.24 last week. The idea that the FOMC will have to cut rates with the unemployment rate below 4% is a gross mispricing of risks. That said, it underscores how fragile the global economy is with the real yield on the entire world of fixed income negative and we cannot normalize. Worse yet, the 2020 US election will see the Democrats looking to spend bags of money as the DEBT troubles escalate. You would think that would all be bearish for bonds yet the long end of the curve is anchored. Gold should still provide a stable store of value and makes sense to own during periods of weakness. We will be accumulating more exposure here too.

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