

BMO

As of: Apr 12 2019

FX (USD)

Beta Correlation

Yield³ **ETF Holdings**

Volatility⁴

CAD

Total Return

Previous Quarter

Previous Year

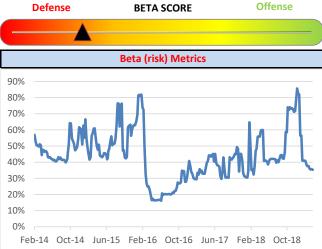
YTD

3-Year

5-Year Annualized SI

Mutual Funds

BMO Tactical Dividend ETF Fund Highlights



04/05/19

9.2%

35.7%

41.4%

4.13%

18

8.06%

1.3384

Gross

9.54%

5.70%

8 48%

8.60%

7.21%

8.14%

Performance Metrics

04/12/19

12.5%

35.2%

40.8%

4.14%

18

8.03%

1.3323

Net

9.00%

5.22%

6.56%

6.68%

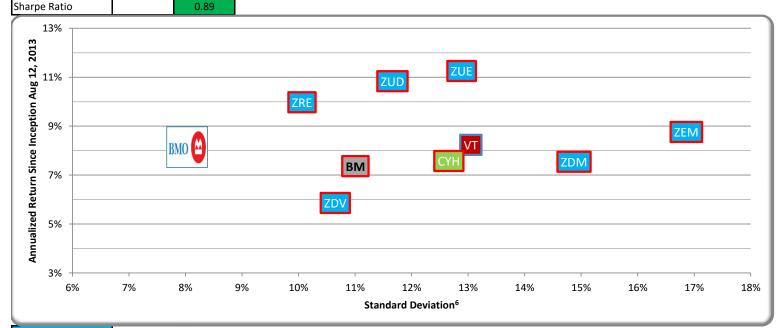
5.29%

6.22%

DEFENSE: The current beta is 35.2% vs. the benchmark of 74.1% and down from 35.7% last week. As equities move higher and longer bond yields are backing up a bit, it makes sense to reduce equity exposure and add to long bonds where returns relative to risks are improving. Recall that in the late stage of the business cycle US long bonds are historically our best asset class. We also added to our US\$ exposure and that overall reduced our beta a bit more last week. Meanwhile, sentiment numbers are back to being close to irrationally exuberant. Never underestimate the ability for people to chase performance--humans are hardwired to do it and it's 100% correlated to the emotional roller-coaster that is the Mr. Market. When Congress asked US bank CEOs this week what the biggest systemic risks were they all said in one way or the other "CREDIT." For now, JPM says "all clear for the US economy."

Market Strategy (Risk Management)

		Top 20 Holdings				
		Ticker	Name	Position		
		ZST	BMO Ultra Short-Term Bond ETF	27.5%		
17 Feb-18 Oct-18		ZWP	BMO Europe High Dividend Covered Call ETF	8.9%		
.7 FED-18 OC	1-10	ZWU	BMO Covered Call Utilities ETF	8.2%		
Change		TLT	iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF	7.7%		
3.2%		ZGD	BMO Equal Weight Global Gold Index ETF	7.5%		
-0.4% AMLP		AMLP	Alerian MLP ETF	6.8%		
-0.6%	-0.6% ZPW		BMO US Put Write ETF	5.9%		
0.02%	0.02% EMLC		VanEck Vectors J.P. Morgan EM Local Currency Bond ETF	4.7%		
0	0 ZPR		BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF	3.9%		
-0.03%	-0.03% DXJ		WisdomTree Japan Hedged Equity Fund	3.0%		
-0.5%		ZDH	BMO International Dividend Hedged to CAD ETF	2.8%		
		EWUS	iShares MSCI United Kingdom Small-Cap ETF	2.6%		
		EDIV	SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Dividend ETF	2.3%		
Upside/Downside ⁵ ZW		ZWC	BMO Canadian High Dividend Covered Call ETF	2.0%		
Upside	52%	DGS	WisdomTree Emerging Markets SmallCap Dividend Fund	1.4%		
Downside	ownside 7% DVYE		iShares Emerging Markets Dividend ETF	1.2%		
Months Up	1onths Up 38 ZWE		BMO Europe High Dividend Covered Call Hedged to CAD ETF	0.8%		
Months Dn	29	SHV	iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF	0.0%		
		Total		97.1%		



Tactical Asset Allocation

Equity	US	Canada	EAFE	EM
04/12/19	16.1%	13.0%	18.4%	5.9%
04/05/19	16.2%	13.2%	18.4%	6.0%
Change	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%



Sector	04/12/19	04/05/19	Change
Financials	6.37%	6.40%	0.0%
Energy	11.51%	11.59%	-0.1%
Health Care	2.82%	2.83%	0.0%
Technology	1.89%	1.91%	0.0%
Industrials	4.12%	4.14%	0.0%
Discretionary	3.56%	3.58%	0.0%
Real Estate	0.92%	0.93%	0.0%
Staples	3.05%	3.07%	0.0%
Telecom	3.92%	3.93%	0.0%
Utilities	5.12%	5.13%	0.0%
Materials	10.11%	10.37%	-0.3%
Government	12.19%	10.36%	1.8%
Corporate	27.64%	27.78%	-0.1%
C\$ Cash	32.39%	35.16%	-2.8%
U\$ Cash	-29.52%	-31.14%	1.6%
Preferred	3.92%	3.95%	0.0%
Commodity	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%

What is the portfolio construction that will give us a good yield and preserve capital in a global recession? Europe is a mess and has no long-term chance to be fixed with a negative rate policy and no fiscal union. While fundamentally cheaper from a P\E perspective, it's a value trap of major proportions. Emerging markets have great valuation too on a relative basis, but carry 50% higher risk on a standard deviation basis. Japan? LMFAO, but their are some great dividend payers and some intrinsic value. Truth is they have some great dividend payers and we have some exposure, but as the oldest (demographically speaking) economy in the world, they are the poster child for anaemic growth and QE that has not worked. We are seeing signs of changing thinking and some real growth plans are being made. Canada, while it looks like we will see a change in government in 2019 towards a more pro business and investment focus, a global recession always sees Canada lag due to the high exposure to cyclicals (energy, mining). And then there is the US, a fiscal mess, but the best dirty shirt in the laundry. It's expensive from a P\E perspective to clean your shirt, so it's important to clean the stuff you really like and are comfortable wearing it as you're running from the bear that continues to approach.

Country Allocation & Trades

Sector/Style Trades

The Fed told us recently by slowing and then stopping the balance sheet run-off that we are heading for a recession and the yield curve is confirming this outlook. Defensive styles with greater use of enhanced yield with options strategies make massive sense. We will keep beta as low as possible while generating a 4% yield. High quality exposure with low volatility along with option based yield enhancements to ride out the end of the cycle. If you have any better ideas, please let us know. We added to long UST exposure again last week (TLT) as yields have backed up a bit. Historically, a long duration bet offers significant capital gains potential. At a minimum, we retest the yield lows from BREXIT, which for now has been marked as the secular bull market low yield by many. In the next recession, sadly, we expect yields will go even lower. Those suggesting the bond bull has needed have not studied the history of debt. Central banks will have little choice but to monetize the debt going forward. Modern Monetary Theory is gaining traction with the political LEFT as more people get LEFT behind. Trump is trying to #MAGA, but he's only making it worse by adding to the debt accelerating the need to monetize the debt. QE to infinity!!!

ETF Style	Weight	ETF Style	Weight	Currency Strategy & Trades
Bonds	39.83%	Equity-Low-Vol	0.00%	The Fed basically capitulated on "financial conditions (read equity market weakness)" and the
Cash	2.87%	Equity-Put	5.87%	US 3M-10Y curve inverted. We are heading into a recession in the next 12+ months and the
Equity-Call	19.97%	Equity-Sector	7.51%	C\$ is likely heading below 70 cents and possibly towards all-time lows around 62 cents. The only question is how fast does it get there. We have moved our target ranges to 76-70 cents
Equity-Dividend	14.47%	Preferred	3.92%	for now and will be more aggressive adding US\$ exposure during periods of C\$ strength.
Equity-Hedged	0.00%	Equity-REITs	0.00%	Stronger WTI (on supply constraints) is helping.
Equity-Unhedged	0.00%	Commodity	0.00%	

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