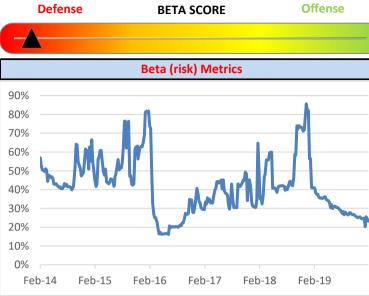


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## BMO Tactical Dividend ETF Fund Highlights



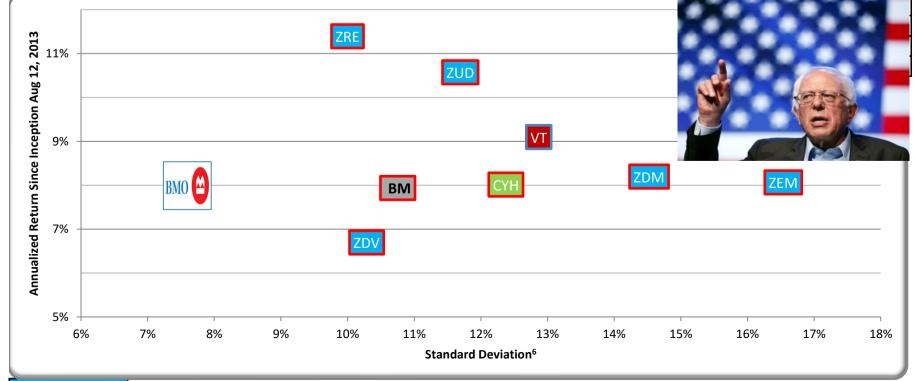
As of: Feb 14 2020	02/14/20	02/07/20	Change
FX (USD)	53.8%	54.1%	-0.4%
Beta <sup>2</sup>	23.2%	24.4%	-1.2%
Correlation	28.9%	30.2%	-1.3%
Yield <sup>3</sup>	4.20%	4.23%	-0.03%
ETF Holdings	24	24	0
Volatility <sup>4</sup>	7.60%	7.61%	-0.01%
CAD	1.3252	1.3308	-0.4%

Performance Metrics					I
Total Return	Net	Gross	Upside/Dov	vnside⁵	E
YTD	1.09%	1.34%	Upside	43%	I
Previous Quarter	2.21%	2.69%	Downside	38%	
Previous Year	6.64%	8.56%	Months Up	49	2
3-Year	4.70%	6.62%	Months Dn	25	I
5-Year	4.42%	6.34%			2
Annualized SI	6.06%	7.98%	Sharpe Ratio	0.92	

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

DEFENSE: The current beta is 23.2% vs. the benchmark of 69.6% and down from 24.4% last week. FOMO is such a powerful emotion. BUT it's always wrong to give in to it. We are in coupon clipping mode and will continue to seek out the highest yield possible with a sleep-at-night market risk. And whenever the Bernie risk hits or Coronavirus matters, we will take advantage of it. We attended a seminar on the outlook for US Debt to GDP last week. The outlook is beyond grim and one of the presenters (a former head of the Senate budget committee) said it's beyond time we had an adult discussion about the problem. And the thing is, NO one on a broad scale will vote for AUSTERITY. They will vote for a fix to inequality and we WILL see a hard shift to the LEFT politically. Most under 40 are OK with socialism if helps. For now, Trump and Fed CANDY are driving the bus, but lookout when people wake up.

Top 20 Holdings			
Ticker	Name		
ZTL	BMO Long-Term US Treasury Bond Index ETF		
ZGD	ZGD BMO Equal Weight Global Gold Index ETF		
EMLC	EMLC VanEck Vectors J.P. Morgan EM Local Currency Bond ETF		
ZWU	BMO Covered Call Utilities ETF	7.9%	
ZWP	BMO Europe High Dividend Covered Call ETF	7.9%	
ZST	BMO Ultra Short-Term Bond ETF	5.7%	
AMLP	Alerian MLP ETF	5.5%	
ZPAY	BMO Premium Yield ETF	5.3%	
ZPW	BMO US Put Write ETF	4.9%	
SHV	iShares Short Treasury Bond ETF		
XLE	XLE Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund		
ZPR	BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF	3.4%	
EDIV	SPDR S&P Emerging Markets Dividend ETF	2.9%	
BTAL	AGFiQ US Market Neutral Anti-Beta Fund	2.7%	
DXJ	WisdomTree Japan Hedged Equity Fund	2.7%	
QBTL	AGFiQ US Market Neutral Anti-Beta CAD-Hedged ETF	2.6%	
ZDH	BMO International Dividend Hedged to CAD ETF	2.6%	
EWUS	iShares MSCI United Kingdom Small-Cap ETF	2.5%	
ZWC	BMO Canadian High Dividend Covered Call ETF	1.8%	
DGS	WisdomTree Emerging Markets SmallCap Dividend Fund	1.1%	



## **Tactical Asset Allocation**

Equity	US Canada		EAFE	EM
02/14/20	28.9%	13.6%	16.8%	6.6%
02/07/20	29.2%	13.7%	16.9%	6.6%
Change	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%



Sector	02/14/20	02/07/20	Change
Financials	6.18%	6.19%	0.0%
Energy	13.92%	14.08%	-0.2%
Health Care	3.50%	3.51%	0.0%
Technology	3.71%	3.73%	0.0%
Industrials	4.27%	4.28%	0.0%
Discretionary	3.67%	3.68%	0.0%
Real Estate	0.95%	0.95%	0.0%
Staples	3.50%	3.51%	0.0%
Telecom	3.95%	3.93%	0.0%
Utilities	4.85%	4.83%	0.0%
Materials	12.05%	12.22%	-0.2%
Government	23.55%	23.72%	-0.2%
Corporate	5.97%	6.00%	0.0%
C\$ Cash	6.33%	5.76%	0.6%
U\$ Cash	-5.11%	-5.16%	0.1%
Preferred	3.39%	3.41%	0.0%
Commodity	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%

# **Country Allocation & Trades** 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 relative valuation too, but carries 50% higher risk on a standard deviation basis. Japan has some great dividend payers and intrinsic relative value and we have some exposure. However, it's the oldest (demographically speaking) economy in the world and they are the poster child for anemic growth and QE that

speaking) economy in the world and they are the poster child for anemic growth and QE that has not worked. The UK still has some BREXIT risks, but is relatively cheap on a currency adjusted basis. Let's call it strategic nibbling in the regions where there is some relative value. While the US is a fiscal mess, it's the best dirty shirt in the laundry, though it's very expensive from an adjusted P\E perspective. The best investment skill we know is patience. Higher yield and lower volatility portfolio (sleep-at-night) is where we will sit clipping coupons and dividends until risk-adjusted returns improve. The yield in the US energy sector is getting attractive. We added some exposure last week (XLE).

### Sector/Style Trades

Our multi-factor macro risk model assesses 1) Valuation; 2) Sentiment; 3) Business cycles; and 4) Geopolitics in the framework of game theory. The model suggests that the global economy is House of Cards built on a foundation of leverage and liquidity. We have never been more concerned about markets in our 30 plus year history (which includes 1987, but what the #@!% did we know about the world at 22). It's been said that we've been concerned about the world for years and we've been wrong. YES, we have, and when we've seen the corrections and valuation improve we have taken advantage of it--like we did in Q1 and Q4 2018. We do not believe the next dip will come back like the others have. We see the Fed out of bullets and while they may use a negative rates and permanent QE policies in the US, we see low rates as toxic than simulative and eventually massively inflationary as the US embraces socialism. The most attractive sector in the world right now is precious metals with the entire world of bonds having a negative real return. The most attractive companies right now are the ones with the cleanest balance sheets. The quality factor makes immense sense. The next best asset class for a Canadian is probably the US\$, though it really depends on what the BoC does following the Fed rate cuts. We see a fractured political landscape globally that will likely lead to MMT policies all over the world. It will be inflationary at some point, but it could be years (decades) away still. Real Assets should outperform, but an era of stagnation lies ahead. Real return bonds could be particularly attractive once the disinflation era ends.

ETF Style	Weight	ETF Style	Weight	Currency Strategy & Trades
Bonds	29.52%	Equity-Low-Vol	0.00%	The US yield curve tells us we are heading into recession. Global trade wars are a major
Cash	1.22%	Equity-Put	4.93%	catalyst. We are now likely to see global central banks competing to cut rates. We should see
Equity-Call	18.31%	Equity-Sector	24.35%	a considerable increase in currency market volatility. For the C\$, we should see a stronger US
Equity-Dividend	13.13%	Preferred	3.39%	dollar especially if we see Canadian data turn down. The CS is likely heading below 70 cents
Equity-Hedged	0.00%	Equity-REITs	0.00%	catalyst. We are now likely to see global central banks competing to cut rates. We should see a considerable increase in currency market volatility. For the C\$, we should see a stronger US dollar especially if we see Canadian data turn down. The C\$ is likely heading below 70 cents and possibly towards all-time lows around 62 cents. For now, Canada's faltering employment picture should move the BoC off the sidelines in the coming months. C\$ risk is bearish and we
Equity-Unhedged	0.00%	Commodity	0.00%	added to US\$ exposure last week.

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