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In January of this year, a *White Coat Black Art* CBC podcast hosted by Dr. Brian Goldman highlighted an important discussion around Powers of Attorneys.

In this episode, Dr. Mary Jarratt, a family physician in Saint John, NB, shares warnings around her personal experience as a Power of Attorney. Her brother, Billy Jarratt, suffered a massive hemispheric stroke at the age of 58 that left him in a wheelchair and unable to speak. Fortunately, in 2018, when updating his will, Billy also designated his sister as his Power of Attorney for Property and Care, should anything happen to him.

To quote an accompanying CBC article:

"Mary is a family physician from Saint John – and therefore familiar with Power of Attorney situations – but she says she still underestimated what's involved. Now she's calling for more awareness of the topic and easier access to resources for Canadians to help them make informed decisions about Power of Attorney, and to help them prepare to take over if needed."

As a wealth management firm, Tall Oak Capital Advisors provides holistic advice to clients. We have many discussions with our clients around risk management and estate planning. We maintain ongoing dialogue to ensure that clients have wills (primary and secondary) in place and that we have a copy on file. As these discussions progress, we often remind clients to also put in place or update their Power of Attorney documents. As part of a client's risk and wealth strategy, a good way to think of Powers of Attorney, is as a complement to disability insurance.

While wills can be viewed as a complement to life insurance, this podcast reminds us of the importance of these documents, and these conversations. Dr. Jarratt's call for more awareness and easier access to resources, prompted this article.

What is a Power of Attorney?

According to the Government of Canada: a Power of Attorney is a legal document that gives one person, or more, the authority to manage your money and property on your behalf. In most of Canada, the person you appoint is called an "Attorney." That person does not need to be a lawyer. Among other requirements, you must be mentally capable at the time you sign any type of Power of Attorney for it to be valid. In general, to be mentally capable means that you can understand and appreciate financial and legal decisions and understand the consequences of making these decisions. However, the legal definition of mental capacity will vary based on the laws in each province or territory.

There are two primary types of Power of Attorney: one that deals with property, and one that deals with personal care, and while there are provincial differences to be aware of, the general application of Power of Attorney documents has similarities across Canada. In Ontario for example, there are the following types: A Power of Attorney for Property which can be either continuing or non-continuing. A Continuing Power of Attorney for Property (CPOA) covers your financial affairs and allows the person you name to make decisions for you even if you become mentally incapable. A non-continuing Power of Attorney for Property covers your financial affairs but cannot be used if you become mentally incapable. You might give this Power of Attorney, if you need someone to look after your financial transactions while you're away from home for an extended period. A Power of Attorney for Personal Care (POAPC) covers your personal decisions, such as housing and health care. This is sometimes also referred to as a Living Will.

As the *White Coat Black Art* podcast reminds us, it is important to have these documents in force should something happen, and you are no longer able to manage your affairs.

Who to appoint to be your Attorney?

You may choose your spouse, a close friend, a family member or anyone else that you trust. Careful consideration as to whether they are the best choice to manage your money and property is very important. They will have access to your money and property, and/or will be making profound and important decisions about your health and quality of life. They should have your best interests at heart. The minimum legal age for an Attorney varies according to the province or territory where you live. In Ontario, for a Power of Attorney for Property, an Attorney must be at least 18 years of age, and for a Power of Attorney for Personal Care, at least 16 years old. The person you ask to be your Attorney can refuse to act for you, so it is important to ask the person first if they are willing to take on this responsibility and everything that it entails. You should also consider appointing a substitute Attorney in case the first Attorney can no longer act for you.

A few traits to consider when appointing an Attorney include:

- Trustworthy
- Organized
- Knowledgeable about your situation, values, beliefs and wishes
- Financial literacy (especially for Power of Attorney for Property)
- Emotional fortitude
- Willingness to accept the role
- Proximity (geographical proximity can be very helpful)

It is a good idea to talk to the person you wish to appoint and make sure they are willing to accept the responsibility involved in being your attorney for property. The danger of not doing this is highlighted by Dr. Jarratt's situation in having the responsibility to become attorney for her brother but not having had the opportunity to discuss his wishes with him ahead of time

Looking back, Mary said she regrets not talking to her brother sooner about his wishes. She wants others to avoid the same pain. *"If someone asks you to be POA, spend an hour sitting down with them just getting an idea of what their wishes would be and maybe some basics about their finances, about their house ... and what they would want for their children."*

If you want more than one person involved in your financial decisions, you can name more than one person to be your Power of Attorney for Property. However, this may cause other issues such as possible disagreements between your Attorneys. You also can name a substitute Attorney should your primary refuse, resign, get ill, or die.

When do they come into effect and where to keep them?

A Power of Attorney for Property usually comes into effect immediately upon execution, unless the document specifies otherwise. However, a Power of Attorney for Personal Care does not come into effect until the grantor is no longer capable of making decisions. When someone can make some decisions (for example, able to bathe and dress, but not able to decide where to live), their Attorney would only be able to make decisions that they themselves are not able to make.

Because these Powers of Attorney have different effective dates, many choose to store them differently. Given the nature of a Power of Attorney for Property and the fact that it is generally effective as soon as it is signed and witnessed, the original documents are not usually kept in an accessible place. Instead, clients often decide to leave originals with their lawyer. On the other hand, an original Power of Attorney for Personal Care is often stored in an accessible place to ensure it is readily available when needed. An original copy may also be stored with the lawyer. At Tall Oak Capital Advisors, we ask our clients to provide us with a copy so that we know who the appointed Attorney is and can help locate the originals.

What does it mean to be an Attorney?

On this CBC show, the host Dr. Brian Goldman interviews Michelle McDonald, the CEO of Brain Injury Canada. Her comments on the duties of an Attorney are worth repeating.

She states that on top of their regular family care-giver duties, attorneys seem to have endless other duties that include:

- Managing large settlements
- Managing daily expenses
- Assisting with daily living needs
- Planning for the future
- Helping to access community supports

She summarizes it as Attorneys, effectively overseeing the overall life of the person for whom they have taken responsibility. Attorneys must always act diligently and in good faith for the person's benefit.

Some of the duties of an Attorney for Property include:

- Paying bills and collecting any money that is owed
- Managing bank accounts and investments
- Managing and/or selling property as needed
- Filing annual income taxes
- Making decisions about healthcare including end of life decisions (typically, respecting the wishes and direction of the person for whom they are making decisions)
- Making decisions about housing (for example, booking an in-home caregiver)
- Making decisions about nutrition, clothing and other personal needs

Other responsibilities could also include consulting with supportive family members and friends, keeping accounts of all transactions involving the property, determining whether the person has a will and if so, what the contents are, making expenditures from the person's assets that are necessary for their support, education and care and for that of any legal dependents.

For further inquiries related to Powers of Attorney or how this conversation might apply to your personal situation, please do not hesitate to contact your Tall Oak team.

We're here to assist you every step of the way

MARKET REVIEW

Q1 2024

As we turned the page to 2024, our well-balanced, neutral approach has allowed us to keep pace with strong market returns for the quarter while remaining diversified and limiting volatility of returns.

Q1 Market Review

Markets continued to rise in the first quarter of 2024, led by robust earnings and a keen interest in companies positioned to capitalize on the emerging artificial intelligence boom. The US market rose 10.56% in the first quarter despite stubbornly high inflation measures which pushed back expected Federal Reserve rate cuts. At the beginning of the year, bond markets were predicting as many as five rate cuts in 2024. By the end of the first quarter 2024, expectations were lowered to three rate cuts, with cuts beginning in the second half of 2024.

The Canadian market rose 6.62%, which lagged the US in large part because of the lower exposure to technology. These returns were driven by the health care sector, rising 18.37% for the quarter and the energy sector, rising 13.08%. We continue to follow investment themes focused on the rise of artificial intelligence, which we believe will continue to drive the direction of the markets in 2024. The attention has moved away from the “Magnificent 7” – Apple, Amazon, Alphabet, Meta, Microsoft, Nvidia and Tesla - which drove nearly all last year’s market return, to other companies that will benefit from the rise in AI.

YTD Market Returns

Index or Proxy

| EQUITIES | % |
|---|------|
| US Dollar | |
| S&P 500 | 10.6 |
| Dow Jones Industrials Average | 6.1 |
| NASDAQ Composite Index | 9.3 |
| Canadian Dollar | |
| S&P/TSX Composite Index | 6.6 |
| iShares MSCI ACWI ETF | 11.1 |
| iShares MSCI EAFE ETF | 8.6 |
| BONDS | |
| iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF | -3.6 |
| iShares Core Canadian Universe Bond Index ETF | -1.2 |
| S&P 500 SECTORS | |
| Communication Services | 12.7 |
| Consumer Discretionary | 3.1 |
| Consumer Staples | 6.8 |
| Energy | 13.5 |
| Financials | 12.4 |
| Health Care | 8.8 |
| Industrials | 11.0 |
| Information Technology | 8.5 |
| Materials | 9.0 |
| Real Estate | -0.6 |
| Utilities | 4.5 |

Sources: SPGlobal, MorningStar, FACTSET, iShares

Global Market Summary

The best performing market of the quarter was once again Japan which ended up 18.1% in the first three months of the year, despite the Bank of Japan beginning normalization of its monetary policy in March. The central bank announced an end to its negative interest rate policy, yield curve control, and its purchases of equity exchange traded funds and real estate investment trusts.

While some European equity indexes, such as the French CAC 40, reached new all-time highs, European equities overall continued to lag the US and Japan, with the MSCI Europe ex-UK Index posting returns of 9.7%. European stocks did, however, end the quarter on a brighter note. Global investors, concerned about the concentration risks of the US market, may be starting to turn to Europe where cheaper valuations and a potential shrinking of the economic growth gap relative to the US are making the region look more attractive.

UK equities lagged most of their international peers with the FTSE All-Share rising just 3.6% since the beginning of the year. The UK market suffered due to its value bias, as well as from the poor performance of the UK economy which was confirmed to have fallen into a technical recession in the last six months of 2023.

In Q1 2024, emerging market equities lagged behind developed markets, with the MSCI EM Index up just 2.4%. Investors were wary of China's growth amid limited fiscal stimulus, but the MSCI China Index rebounded 12.3% from January lows due to better economic activity data and easing measures from the People's Bank of China, including a rate cut.

UK equities underperformed other international markets, with the FTSE All-Share rising only 3.6% since the start of the year. The UK market was affected by its value bias and the country's poor economic performance, confirmed by a technical recession in the last half of 2023.

In fixed income markets, the Bloomberg Global Aggregate Index fell by 2.1% last quarter due to rising yields from higher-than-expected US inflation data in January and February. European sovereign bonds outperformed US Treasuries, with returns of -0.6% versus -1.0%, respectively. Meanwhile, UK Gilts continued to lag at -1.8% as high service inflation and wage growth prompted the Bank of England to maintain restrictive policies.

In Q1, client portfolios benefitted from Tall Oak Capital Advisors' strong direct, and indirect, exposure to AI through technology.

AI adoption is rapidly increasing, with significant impacts on IT budgets and a strong emphasis on efficiency and innovation. This trend extends across industries, from healthcare to information technology. As a result, growth in AI adoption is straining power resources, prompting the need for efficient energy solutions.

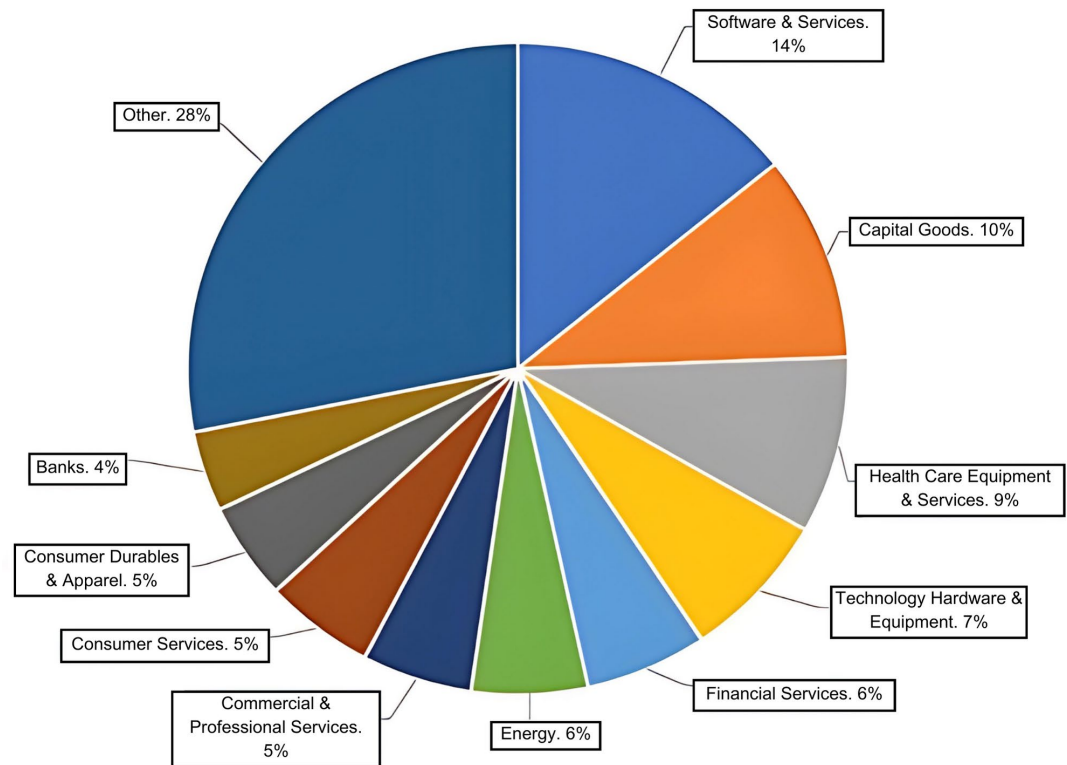
Leveraging Artificial Intelligence

Generative AI is gaining momentum, with 68% of companies reporting AI-related impacts on their IT budgets in the fourth quarter of 2023, a notable increase from 56% in the second quarter. AI and Machine Learning (ML) have emerged as the top IT priority, signifying a strong emphasis on AI-driven initiatives.

Corporate attention toward AI adoption and operational efficiency is on the rise, with a significant intersection between industries discussing operational efficiency and those poised to benefit from AI-driven efficiency improvements.

Early adopters, particularly within the software/Internet sub-sectors, are expected to experience initial productivity enhancements, potentially resulting in margin expansion. From a broader perspective, service industries are anticipated to sustain productivity growth with AI as a catalyst, driven by ongoing labour market tightness and the adoption of productivity-enhancing technologies. Companies focusing on "operational efficiency" may have greater potential to realize AI-driven productivity gains.

Corporate Transcript Mentions of "Operational Efficiency"



Sources: US Equity Strategy Leveraging AI to Drive Efficiency, Morgan Stanley

Health Care Equipment & Services:

AI and ML technologies offer significant potential to revolutionize healthcare delivery, including early disease detection, improved clinical outcomes, and cost reductions. Despite compliance challenges, AI tools could streamline operations, reduce headcount, and improve margins for healthcare companies, necessitating initial investment for long-term benefits.

MedTech: Companies interacting with patients earlier in the care continuum stand to benefit from AI opportunities, particularly in patient monitoring and diagnostics. However, those further down the care continuum may face challenges as preventive monitoring/diagnostics reduce illness incidence. Surgical-based MedTech companies can leverage AI to improve outcomes and reduce variability, especially in surgical robotics and intra-operative planning.

Tall Oak Portfolio Highlight:

Boston Scientific

Boston Scientific Corp (BSX) engages in the development, manufacture, and marketing of medical devices that are used in interventional medical procedures. It operates through the MedSurg and Cardiovascular segments. The MedSurg segment includes Endoscopy, Urology, and Neuromodulation. The Cardiovascular segment consists of Cardiology and Peripheral Interventions.

Creating value for shareholders by delivering top tier revenue growth, expanding globally, pursuing operational excellence and investing in a differentiated pipeline of products that improve patients' lives while maintaining a firm commitment to corporate social responsibility.

Their portfolio of devices and therapies help physicians diagnose and treat complex cardiovascular, respiratory, digestive, oncological, neurological and urological diseases and conditions.

Navigating the complexities of melding AI with healthcare, they are emphasizing the necessity for solutions rooted in evidence that genuinely amplify value. Focussing on the urgency to streamline patient experiences, mitigate healthcare worker challenges, and elevate the patient journey. As Boston Scientific spearheads these advancements, they envision a future where medical devices seamlessly integrate into holistic patient care – from early detection to treatment.

Boston Scientific (BSX) Stock Price Performance



Sources: US Equity Strategy Leveraging AI to Drive Efficiency, Morgan Stanley, Boston Scientific

Tech Adaption Cycle

Initial Stage of AI Investing: Similar to technological shifts in previous years, the first stage of AI investing focuses on building the foundational materials. Just as Qualcomm Inc. and Intel Corp. played crucial roles in previous eras, NVIDIA Corp. and suppliers of semiconductor manufacturing materials were the early winners in the AI space.

Infrastructure and Device Makers: Following the introductory stage, infrastructure and device manufacturers typically experience the next wave of profits.

Creation of Usable Applications: The final wave of value generation comes from companies that develop practical applications on top of the new devices. Just as smartphone manufacturers created mobile internet applications for their devices, AI could be packaged as a service, delivering on specific needs and generating significant value.

We are still in the early stages of AI adoption, with 2024 being labeled as the "year of the adopters." The focus is shifting towards companies that are effectively adopting AI technology to scale their businesses while maintaining competitive advantages. While AI Enablers thrived in 2023, Adopters saw modest growth. Their continued incorporation of AI could drive significant growth this year. Most companies expect AI projects to be in production by late 2024.

Broad-based emerging AI applications set to drive productivity and efficiency:

| Healthcare | Financials | Advertising & Digital Content | Retail & Freight | Energy & Industrials | Customer Service | Business Intelligence |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Smart Implants (Ex: Hip & Knee) | AI Thematic Fund Offerings | Marketing Efficiency | 3D Shopping & Product Try On | AI Tools for Pipelines | Customer Analytics | Developer Tools & Assisted Code |
| Medical Imaging | New Trade Pricing Tools | Enhanced Ad Targeting | Sidewalk Robots for Deliveries | Geological Models | Insurance Claims and Records | AI-Related Consulting |
| Pathology Detection | Generate Client Portfolio Reviews | Recommendation Engine | Supply Chain Efficiency | AI-Enabled Microgrid Tools | Transcribe and Summarize | Integrated Smart Home Interface |
| Personalized Medicine | Automated Trade Prices, Execution | Higher Ad Conversion | Inventory Management | Energy Usage Analytics | Client Onboarding | Automate Back Office Tasks |
| Identify Biomarkers | AI Portfolio Management | Ad Auction Dynamics | Demand Prediction | Energy Trading Enhancements | | Fraud Prevention and Protection |
| New Drug Development | Increase Trading Velocity | Content Creation | Truck Routing Capabilities | Labor Scheduling | | Cybersecurity Capabilities |
| Analysis of Genomic Data | | Customized Travel Itineraries | Higher Fleet Utilization | Reservoir Optimization | | Risk Assessment & Management |
| Physician Point of Service Tools | | Video Game Development | Autonomous Fleet Networks | Leak Detection & Track Emissions | | Accelerated Data Analysis |
| | | | | | | Predictive Modeling |

Tall Oak Portfolio Highlight:

Equinix

Equinix is the global leader in digital infrastructure, providing interconnected services across various industries such as finance, manufacturing, retail, transportation, government, healthcare, and education in a digital-first world. Business leaders rely on Equinix's trusted global platforms to consolidate the essential infrastructure that drives success and sustainable growth.

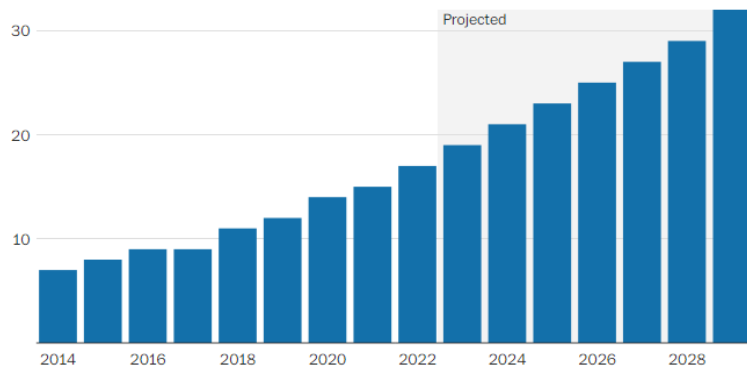
Founded in Silicon Valley in 1998, Equinix began as a vendor-neutral, multitenant data center provider where leading networks could securely connect and share data traffic. The company's name, Equinix, reflects its commitment to EQUality, Neutrality and Internet eXchange.

Powering AI

The rapid growth in AI and cloud computing is driving a surge in demand for power, particularly from data centers and crypto-mining operations. This increased demand is straining the power grid, causing bottlenecks and delays in connecting new energy sources and consumers. This surge in demand is also prompting efforts to enhance grid efficiency and urging commercial customers to secure energy sources, including building their own power plants. Regulatory officials express astonishment at the scale of the challenge, questioning how projections could have been so inaccurate and highlighting the unprecedented nature of the situation. This has led to significant increases in the projected demand for power over the next five years.

U.S. data centers tax power grid

Data center energy demand, in gigawatts. Each gigawatt is roughly the amount of power generated by a large nuclear plant.



Source: McKinsey and Company, January, 2023.

Big tech firms are leveraging AI to optimize grid operations and shift energy consumption to times of carbon-free availability. However, as data centre energy demands surge, finding efficient, clean energy sources becomes imperative.

There is a notably large increase in power demands of AI Enablers. The mismatch between growing AI power needs and slow grid infrastructure development, and the significant time value for power solutions providers, seem to be undervalued in the current market. The substantial electricity needs are prompting revisions to valuation models. A recent contract between Talen Energy Corp. and Amazon.com Inc. for nuclear power implies higher prices than previously anticipated. Consequently, the price targets for these energy companies are being adjusted to reflect this opportunity.

While the impact of AI has led to an increase in valuations of data center equipment, the impact in valuations of power have been disproportionately lower, even though it is a beneficiary of the same trends. We expect to see a valuation "catch-up" in the future as attention shifts away from core AI beneficiaries, and Data Centre Equipment, toward powering AI.

Tall Oak Portfolio Highlight: NextEra Energy

NextEra Energy Resources is a leading energy provider that operates power plants and offers a diverse fuel mix to various electricity providers. As the world's largest generator of renewable energy from wind and solar, the company invests heavily in North American energy infrastructure, including new wind and solar facilities, transmission, and natural gas pipelines. NextEra focuses on innovative solutions for energy needs and plans to build and operate sustainable data centers powered by clean, renewable energy. This helps companies reduce costs and achieve emissions goals.

Sources: The Washingtons Post, NextEra Energy

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Our Approach

The key to developing successful portfolios is correctly identifying **long-term structural investment themes** that align with the prevailing market and macroeconomic conditions.

Diversification matters. In a world where correlations between markets have converged yet continue to change, understanding how each security will react to different market forces leads to better risk-adjusted returns. Having a deep **understanding of company fundamentals** is essential to finding businesses with stable cash flows, robust earnings power, and strong long-term growth prospects.

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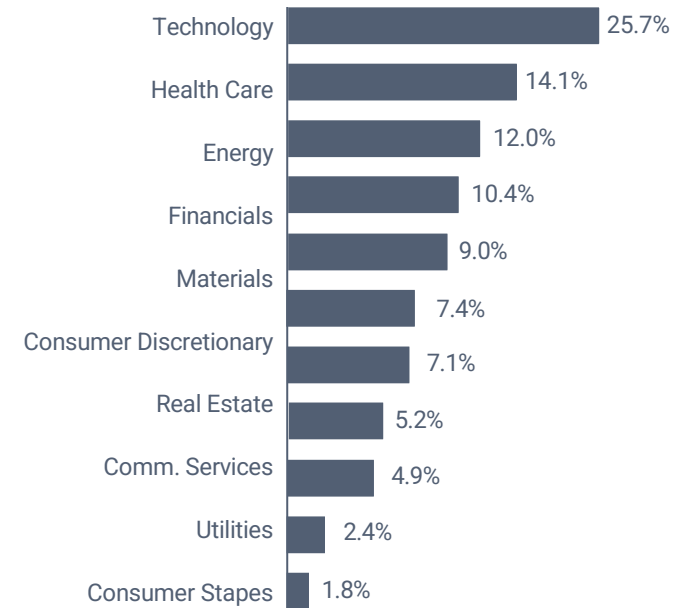
To achieve long-term capital appreciation with a focus on diversification and downside protection by investing across asset classes in Canadian and global companies with market cap exceeding \$500 million.

Investment Philosophy

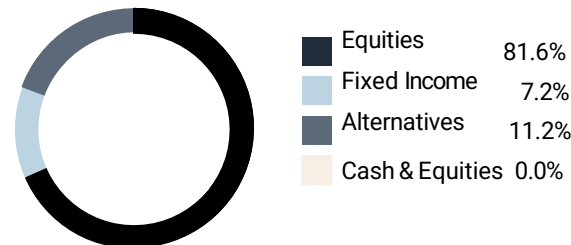
The team employs a disciplined approach by combining a systematic, quantitative and fundamental selection process that favours quality companies with growing earnings and healthy free cash flows purchased at reasonable prices.

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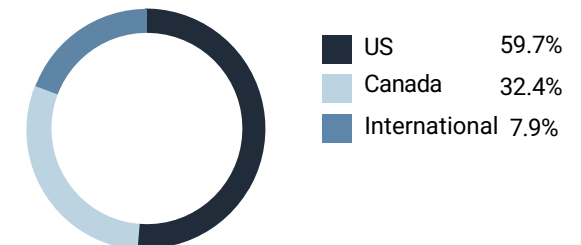
Equity Sector Breakdown



Asset Allocation



Regional Breakdown



The 2023 Tall Oak Capital Appreciation Pool audit was successfully completed by BDO. If you would like to receive a copy, please don't hesitate to let us know.

TOP POSITIONS

| Top Equity Holdings | Sector | % | Fixed Income & Alternatives | % |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----|--|-----|
| Alphabet Inc | Communication Services | 2.4 | Oaktree Strategic Credit Fund | 3.5 |
| Microsoft Corp | Information Technology | 2.3 | Picton Mahoney Special Situations Fund | 3.2 |
| Equinix Inc REIT | Real Estate | 2.3 | AQR Apex Multi-strategy Fund | 2.0 |
| Palo Alto Networks Inc | Information Technology | 2.1 | Agriroots Diversified Lending Fund | 1.4 |
| Cadence Design Systems Inc | Information Technology | 2.0 | JP Morgan & Chase 3.65% 31DEC2149 | 0.9 |
| Advanced Micro Devices Inc | Information Technology | 2.0 | Bank Of America 4.375% 31DEC2149 | 0.9 |
| Eli Lilly & Co | Health Care | 1.8 | Royal Bank Of Canada 4.5% 24NOV2080 | 0.7 |
| Lam Research Corp | Information Technology | 1.8 | Bank Of Montreal 4.3% Nts 26NOV2080 | 0.7 |
| EOG Res Inc | Energy | 1.8 | Manulife Financial 3.375% 19JUN2081 | 0.5 |
| Caterpillar Inc | Industrials | 1.7 | TD Bank 8.125% 31OCT2082 | 0.5 |
| Amazon.Com Inc | Consumer Discretionary | 1.7 | | |
| Cameco Corp | Energy | 1.6 | | |
| Boston Scientific Corp | Health Care | 1.6 | | |
| Fortinet Inc | Information Technology | 1.6 | | |
| Mastercard Inc | Financials | 1.5 | | |
| Canadian National Resources | Energy | 1.5 | | |
| Novo Nordisk | Health Care | 1.5 | | |
| Encompass Health Corp | Health Care | 1.5 | | |
| Abbvie Inc | Health Care | 1.5 | | |
| CrowdStrike Holdings Inc | Information Technology | 1.5 | | |

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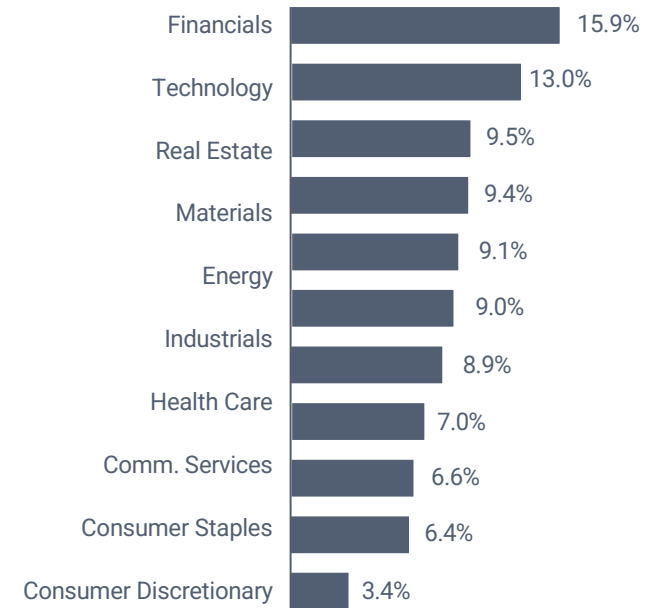
Investment Objective

To achieve consistent portfolio returns from predictable income streams provided by high quality fixed income and alternative investments along with stable and growing dividends paid by large cap North American listed companies.

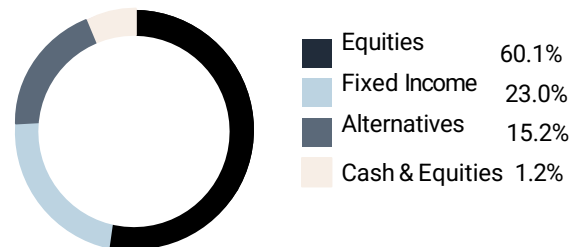
Investment Philosophy

We believe owning high-quality businesses is one of the best ways to preserve and grow capital in the long term. The team employs a disciplined approach by combining a systematic, quantitative and fundamental selection process that favours high quality companies that have a track record for paying and growing dividends over time.

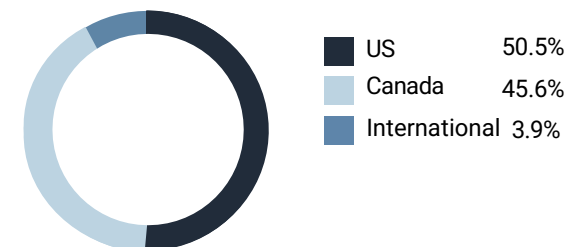
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| Duke Energy Corp | Utilities | 1.2 | Federal Home Corp 4.25% 09JAN2029 | 1.0 |
| Ameriprise Financial Inc | Financials | 1.2 | | |
| Suncor Energy Inc | Energy | 1.2 | | |
| Manulife Financial Corp | Financials | 1.2 | | |
| Walmart Inc | Consumer Staples | 1.2 | | |
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| Merck & Co Inc | Health Care | 1.1 | | |
| Nutrien Ltd | Materials | 1.1 | | |
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