

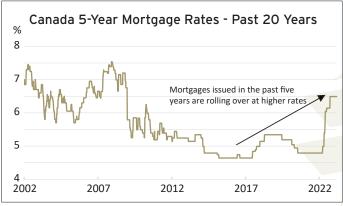
TOTAL EQUITY & DIVIDEND INCOME / BALANCED STRATEGIES

Antares equity strategies focus on long-term total return through a combination of dependable income and capital appreciation. We build portfolios to align with individual client requirements, resulting in personal portfolios that lean more, or less, toward capital preservation, income generation, or growth.

MANAGER COMMENTARY

We start with a summary of adds and deletes for the quarter. While no new company was added to the portfolio, we identified a number of attractive potential holdings and set share price alerts at lower levels that represent better value. We exited one holding, EOG Resources, which had more than doubled in price since our ownership began in 2020. EOG is an energy producer and we were concerned about plummeting natural gas prices in the U.S. as well as the impact of a potential recession. In addition, two Canadian holdings, Brookfield Corp (formerly Brookfield Asset Management) and Constellation Software, spun out new companies that we sold from portfolios. They were small positions and we had no intention of adding to them. Aside from these complete exits, we added to, and subtracted from, a handful of existing holdings for risk management and/or opportunistic reasons.

We have written on several occasions about our concerns over high debt levels throughout the economy and the potential fallout as interest rates revert higher. Chickens may be coming home to roost. The cost of borrowing is much higher than was the case two years ago (see chart for mortgage rate example). This has been pushing down asset prices including housing, private and public equity, not to mention safer assets like U.S. government bonds. It is noteworthy that Silicon Valley Bank saw its equity destroyed because it had invested customer deposits in U.S. Treasury bonds that subsequently declined in price. We believe that rising interest rates are starting to hurt both Wall Street and the real economy on Main Street.



Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Canada Bank of Canada Charter Bank Interest Rates Conventional Mortgage 5 Year Now, as this relates to the three banks we own in client portfolios - Royal Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, JP Morgan - we offer two observations. Positively, these banks are well capitalized and are, in our view, properly regulated. We believe it unlikely they face existential risk. In fact, JP Morgan has benefitted from an inflow of deposits by spooked customers of smaller institutions. Furthermore, the three banks' dividends are well covered by earnings and indirectly protected by robust capital levels. Negatively, it is possible, if not probable, that credit will become tighter as a result of recent bank failures. This is a normal feature of the credit cycle. We believe that banks will be 1) more careful about the amounts they lend and 2) more selective about those to whom they lend. This strikes us as a headwind for earnings growth amongst banks (not to mention the economy) in general. In brief, medium to long term, we believe your banks will remain compounders of capital, but the near-term growth outlook is "meh", and we are managing accordingly.

Let's move on to a few of the approximately 29 companies in your portfolio that are not banks. During the quarter, several companies' shares experienced outsized gains for idiosyncratic reasons. Denmark-based Novo Nordisk, for example, in addition to being a global leader in innovative diabetes treatments, is seeing rapidly rising sales of its drugs (Wegovy, Ozempic) that have positive outcomes for obesity. We see significant long-term growth opportunity in the U.S. if health insurers re-characterize obesity as a medical condition rather than a lifestyle choice. Another company, Stantec, a Canadian engineering and design firm, is benefitting from governments' stimulus spending and robust sales activity. For the moment, its work backlog seems protected from the risk of recession. We have selectively added to the position in client portfolios. Our last example is U.S.-based Applied Materials, which makes highly technical machines and software used in the production of semiconductor chips. The company announced a record production backlog and strong new orders, both of which indicate that business conditions are very good. We continue to believe that there are powerful tailwinds supporting chip production, and that Applied Materials is well placed to participate. We have been buying shares.

Thank you for your continued trust,

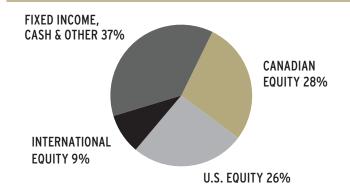
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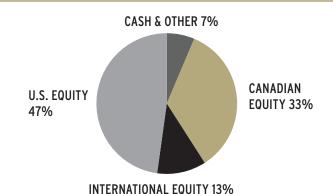


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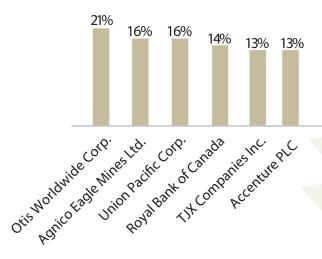
BALANCED POOL - ASSET ALLOCATION¹



TOTAL EQUITY POOL - ASSET ALLOCATION¹



NOTEWORTHY DIVIDEND INCREASES - LAST 12 MONTHS¹



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EQUITY HOLDINGS 1

	DIVIDEND YIELD	5YR DIVIDEND GROWTH RATE
CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY		
BorgWarner Inc. TJX Companies Inc.	1.4% 1.7%	1.9% 13.6%
ENERGY		
Gibson Energy Inc. Pembina Pipeline Corp. Suncor Energy Inc.	7.2% 6.0% 5.0%	2.6% 4.1% 8.4%
FINANCIALS		
Bank Of Nova Scotia Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Brookfield Corp. JPMorgan Chase & Co. Royal Bank Of Canada	6.1% N/A 0.9% 3.1% 4.1%	5.5% N/A N/A 13.5% 7.4%
HEALTHCARE		
Gilead Sciences, Inc. Novo Nordisk A/S Sponsored ADR Class I Roche Holdings Ltd-Sponsored ADR	3.6% 0.8% 2.2%	6.7% 6.6% N/A
INDUSTRIALS		
Otis Worldwide Corp. Stantec Inc. Toromont Industries Ltd. Union Pacific Corp. Vestas Wind Systems ADR Vontier Corp.	1.4% 1.0% 1.6% 2.6% 0.1% 0.4%	N/A 7.5% 14.9% 14.8% N/A N/A
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
Accenture PLC Apple Inc. Applied Materials Inc. Cisco Systems Inc. Constellation Software Inc. Fiserv Inc. Micron Technology, Inc. Microsoft Corp.	1.6% 0.6% 1.0% 3.0% 0.2% N/A 0.8% 0.9%	10.5% 7.9% 21.1% 5.6% 0.0% N/A N/A 9.9%
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Brookfield Infrastructure Partners L.P.	4.5%	4.8%
MATERIALS		
Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Nutrien Ltd.	3.2% 2.9%	31.2% N/A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS		
Verizon Communications Inc.	6.7%	2.1%
UTILITIES		
Canadian Utilities Ltd-A	4.8%	4.0%
PORTFOLIO CHANGES ¹		

▲ Applied Materials, Inc.	Pembina Pipeline Corp.
▲ Accenture PLC	Royal Bank of Canada
▲ Stantec Inc.	▼ EOG Resources, Inc.

^{1.} Sources: Bloomberg & Factset for dividend data, NDEX for portfolio data. All data as at quarter end.

^{2.} Calculated in Canadian dollars for all holdings.