BMO Tactical Balanced ETF Fund Highlights

Defense Core Beta: 61.7% Offense



Market Strategy (Risk Management)

High Protection: The current core beta is 61.7% vs. the benchmark of 58.6% down from 63.1% last week. The current degree of beta protection is about -27%. We made a few adjustments last week. We moved the equity beta down to a very low 20%. We cut duration to 2.3 from 9.8 selling the TLT position. The May 3 UST refunding announcement likely shows a need of \$1-2T for the next few quarters. The expectation was for the TGA to run down to 500B by June. Follow https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/WTREGEN shows it's at 968B down from 1.9T at the Feb announcement. That \$1T draw is partial payment for the 900B+1.9T stimulus packages. The non-stimulus deficit is running at \$1T. So not including the \$4T more to come later this year, there is about \$2T that needs to be funded. The Fed is buying another \$640B (no taper). That's a big hole that will likely require another 25-50bps long-end yield concession to get digested by markets. Powell was asked about equities being frothy last week

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-04-28/powell-breaks-out-the-froth-word-when-asked-about-markets Add this all up and we cut duration and added buffer protection to the equity exposure to minimum levels. We also added back EAFE currency exposure selling ZDM for ZEA and reduced energy exposure

Top Holdings

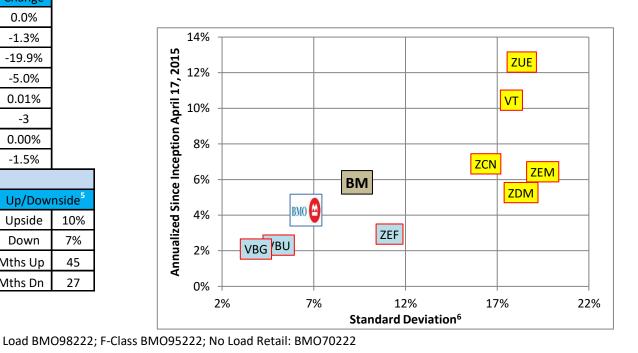
PRO EYEs Macro Risk Model Aby. Aug 76%

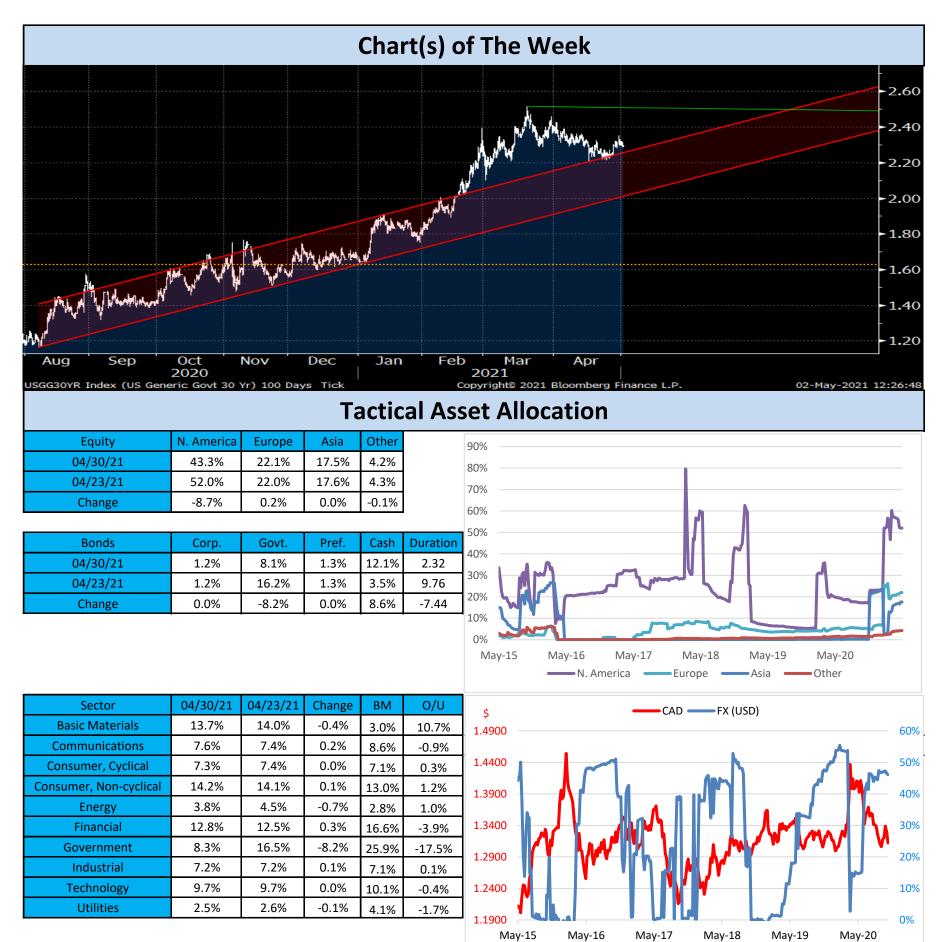
RISK MANAGEMENT: When the PRO EYEs indicator is at elevated levels (above 75%), as it is now, we will have higher degree of beta protection on the portfolio. We increased protection April 29th to lower the overall risk levels in the portfolio by half. Details of the factors driving the model can be seen on the link.

PRO-EYES - Berman's Call

As of: 04/30/21	04/30/21	04/23/21	Change		
FX (USD)	28.8%	28.8%	0.0%		
Beta ²	61.7%	63.1%	-1.3%		
Protection	-27.1%	-7.1%	-19.9%		
Correlation	63.9%	68.8%	-5.0%		
Yield ³	1.97%	1.96%	0.01%		
ETF Holdings	18	21	-3		
Volatility ⁴	6.58%	6.58%	0.00%		
CAD	1.2287	1.2476	-1.5%		
Performance Metrics					
Total Return	Net	Gross	Up/Dow	nside ⁵	
YTD	-1.63%	-1.01%	Upside	10%	
Prev. Month	2.08%	2.24%	Down	7%	
Prev. Quarter	-0.97%	-0.49%	Mths Up	45	
Prev. Year	0.24%	2.16%	Mths Dn	27	
Annualized SI	2.36%	4.28%			
Sharpe Ratio	0.65				
Fund Codes:	Advisor BM	Advisor BMO99222; Low Load BMO98222;			

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Ticker	Name		
ZUE	BMO S&P 500 Hedged to CAD Index ETF		
ZEA	BMO MSCI EAFE Index ETF		
ZGD	BMO Equal Weight Global Gold Index ETF		
EMLC	VanEck Vectors J.P. Morgan EM Local Currency Bond ETF		
ZEM	BMO MSCI Emerging Markets Index ETF	3.1%	
ZMT	BMO Equal Weight Global Base Metals Hedged to CAD Index ET	1.4%	
XLE	Energy Select Sector SPDR Fund	1.2%	
zus/u	BMO Ultra Short-Term US Bond ETF	0.9%	
ZPR	BMO Laddered Preferred Share Index ETF	0.9%	
ZCLN	BMO Clean Energy Index ETF	0.6%	
ZUP	BMO US Preferred Share Index ETF	0.5%	
ZRR	BMO Real Return Bond Index ETF	0.4%	
CIBR	First Trust NASDAQ Cybersecurity ETF	0.3%	
EWZ	iShares MSCI Brazil ETF	0.3%	
нммј	Horizons Marijuana Life Sciences Index ETF	0.3%	
EWU	iShares MSCI United Kingdom ETF	0.1%	





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