





Core Tactical/Strategic Portfolio Outlook/Adjustments

We often see FOMC meetings as key inflection points. We added back some volatility protection (about one-third) into the portfolios this week. We look to add more should the short squeeze continue into the end of August Jackson Hole conference. If the Fed is going to pivot, they will likely lay out that path. Important to note that inflation expectations ticked higher post meeting as Powell was perceived to be a bit less hawkish. We took profits in our ZQQ exposure and rotated into GDX (see chart of the week, cheapest in years), ZEM, ZMT, MJ, KBA where we see

much more longer-term potential relative to equity growth exposure.

| l op Holdings | | | | |
|---------------|---|----------|--|--|
| Ticker | Name | Position | | |
| ZEA | BMO MSCI EAFE Index ETF | 21.1% | | |
| ZUE | BMO S&P 500 Hedged to CAD Index ETF | 19.1% | | |
| ZEM | BMO MSCI Emerging Markets Index ETF | 10.1% | | |
| GDX | VanEck Gold Miners ETF/USA | 5.1% | | |
| KWEB | KraneShares CSI China Internet ETF | 3.9% | | |
| FLGB | Franklin FTSE United Kingdom ETF | 3.8% | | |
| ZMT | BMO Equal Weight Global Base Metals Hedged to CAD Index ETF | 3.1% | | |
| KBA | KraneShares Bosera MSCI China A 50 Connect Index ETF | 3.0% | | |
| FLJH | Franklin FTSE Japan Hedged ETF | 3.0% | | |
| URA | Global X Uranium ETF | 2.9% | | |
| ZCLN | BMO Clean Energy Index ETF | 2.6% | | |
| MJ | ETFMG Alternative Harvest ETF | 2.5% | | |
| CIBR | First Trust NASDAQ Cybersecurity ETF | 2.5% | | |
| FLIN | Franklin FTSE India ETF | 2.1% | | |
| VNM | VanEck Vietnam ETF | 1.7% | | |
| FINX | Global X FinTech ETF | 1.6% | | |
| BOTZ | Global X Robotics & Artificial Intelligence ETF | 1.5% | | |
| FLBR | Franklin FTSE Brazil ETF | 1.3% | | |
| XBI | SPDR S&P Biotech ETF | 1.2% | | |
| PAVE | Global X US Infrastructure Development ETF | 1.0% | | |
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Macro Market Strategy

We think this is a very two-way market for the next few quarters with a bearish tilt. Better than expected tax receipts should push the negative funding pressure from QT into 2023. The FOMC is now telegraphing easing to offset, but Powell declined to comment on how the market was pricing them. Forward guidance is now fully data dependent. QT has now started, but there is no immediate yield stress in the run-off. We would be more concerned that equity risk premiums will rise and multiples will contract if yields get stressed, which the skinny Green Bill might trigger. The FOMC's more aggressive path has caught them up to the curve and the terminal rate is now expected in December. This suggests a fall earnings related selloff is a very good buying opportunity. That said, we do not expect higher highs (5000+) until after the 2024 elections. We can expect lots of volatility to remain as the global economy rebalances. Anyone suggesting a more bullish path, we'd like to debate. We look to add to a volatility buffer in the coming months on a continuation in a counter trend rally.

| PRO-EYES - Berman's Call | Risk Level | Medium |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|

The core portfolio beta is 87.7%. The degree of delta protection is -22% while the value of beta protection is 32%.

The tactical PRO-EYEs factor suggests more dip buying opportunity exists than not. However, the trend of liquidity in business conditions is likely to get worse before it improves. The fact the FOMC has now talked about 2023/24 rate cuts, markets should stabilize. Valuation metrics have yet to reflect a recession and that is the overriding risk. This likely means there will be more two-way opportunities in assets until the inflation cycle is under control. We expect it will be stickier than the market believes and the FOMC will have difficulty with a soft landing scenario.

| Total Return | Net | Gross | Upside/Downside | |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-----------------|-----|
| YTD | -5.58% | -4.52% | Upside | 20% |
| Prev. Qtr. | -3.39% | -2.91% | Downside | 40% |
| Prev. Year | -4.33% | -2.41% | Months Up | 53 |
| Since Inception | 30.98% | 42.45% | Months Dn | 21 |
| Ann. SI (04/28/16) | 4.39% | 6.31% | | |

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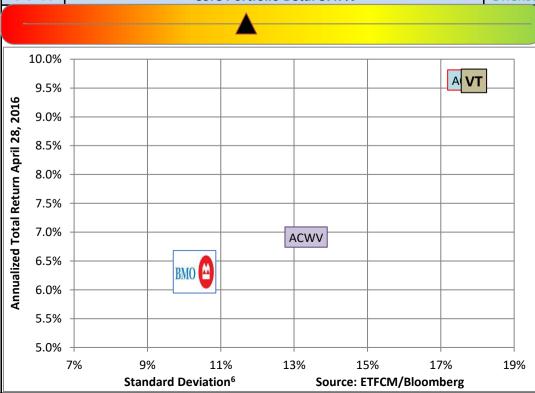
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Performance Metrics (A-Series) as of (07/29/22)

| Test | Core | Portfolio Beta: 87.7% | Offense

Chart of the Week

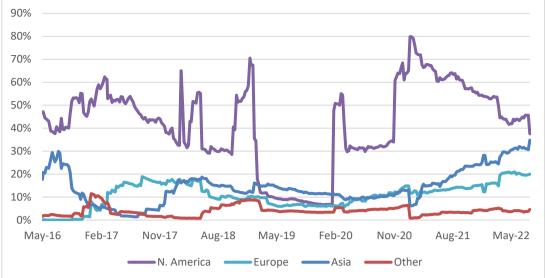


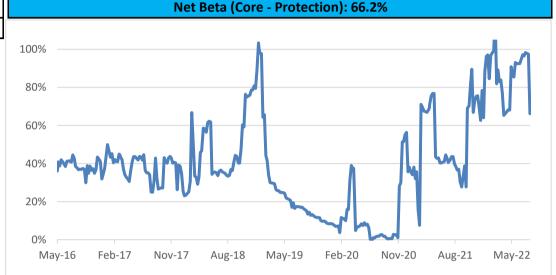
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|----------|------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|----------------|
| Equity | N. America | Europe | Asia | Other | 90% | |
| 07/29/22 | 37.5% | 20.0% | 34.8% | 4.6% | 80% | |
| 07/22/22 | 45.6% | 19.8% | 30.7% | 3.7% | 70% | |
| Change | -8.1% | 0.3% | 4.1% | 0.9% | 70% | |

| Sector | 07/29/22 | 07/22/22 | Change | BM |
|------------------------|----------|----------|--------|-------|
| Basic Materials | 13.78% | 10.05% | 3.7% | 4.4% |
| Communications | 9.74% | 12.56% | -2.8% | 10.7% |
| Consumer, Cyclical | 8.67% | 9.35% | -0.7% | 10.2% |
| Consumer, Non-cyclical | 19.05% | 19.64% | -0.6% | 21.1% |
| Energy | 5.50% | 4.81% | 0.7% | 5.1% |
| Financial | 14.29% | 13.21% | 1.1% | 18.7% |
| Government | 0.06% | 0.04% | 0.0% | 18.7% |
| Industrial | 10.08% | 9.52% | 0.6% | 10.1% |
| Technology | 12.45% | 17.36% | -4.9% | 16.5% |
| Utilities | 3.21% | 3.11% | 0.1% | 3.2% |

| As of: Jul 29 2022 | 07/29/22 | 07/22/22 | Change |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| FX (USD) | 4.2% | 2.7% | 1.5% |
| Beta ² | 87.7% | 97.6% | -9.8% |
| Protection (Delta) | -21.5% | 0.0% | -21.5% |
| Correlation | 69.7% | 76.4% | -6.7% |
| Yield ³ | 2.88% | 2.57% | 0.31% |
| ETF Holdings | 25 | 27 | -2 |
| Volatility ⁴ | 10.29% | 10.80% | -0.51% |
| CAD | 1.2815 | 1.2916 | -0.8% |







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