

# Canadian Focus Private Portfolio



Q2 2024

## Management Philosophy

The Canadian Focus Private Portfolio uses quantitative measures to identify stocks offering growth at a reasonable price.

- › Portfolio is constructed with a maximum of 25 Canadian securities that have strong relative earnings momentum, dividend growth and are trading at an attractive valuation.
- › Portfolio aims to be 100% invested and can use up to 20% ETFs for diversification.
- › All holdings must have adequate liquidity.
- › All holdings must have a dividend.

## Top Holdings (54.6% of total portfolio)

Symbol	Description	Portfolio Weight	Income Yield
CSU	CONSTELLATION SOFTWARE	7.1%	0.1%
GSY	GOEASY LTD	6.0%	2.4%
L	LOBLAW COMPANIES LTD	6.0%	1.3%
SU	SUNCOR ENERGY INC	5.9%	4.2%
CNQ	CDN NATURAL RESOURCES	5.4%	4.3%
NA	NATIONAL BANK OF CDA	5.1%	3.9%
IFC	INTACT FINANCIAL CORP	4.9%	2.1%
MFC	MANULIFE FINANCIAL CORP	4.9%	4.4%
RY	ROYAL BANK OF CANADA	4.7%	3.8%
TIH	TOROMONT INDUSTRIES INC	4.6%	1.6%

Source: Croesus

## Portfolio Performance

	3 Months	6 Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception
<b>Performance*</b>	0.4%	7.6%	14.3%	8.2%	9.9%	8.0%
<b>Benchmark</b>	-0.5%	6.1%	12.1%	6.0%	9.3%	6.7%

Source: Croesus

## Portfolio Information

<b>Inception</b>	September 1, 2014
<b>Initial Minimum Investment</b>	\$58,468
<b>Distributions Made</b>	\$9,850
<b>Current Dividend Yield</b>	3.1%
<b>Current Investment</b>	\$111,420
<b>Portfolio Manager</b>	John (Jay) D. Nash, BA, CIM®, FCSI®

Source: Croesus

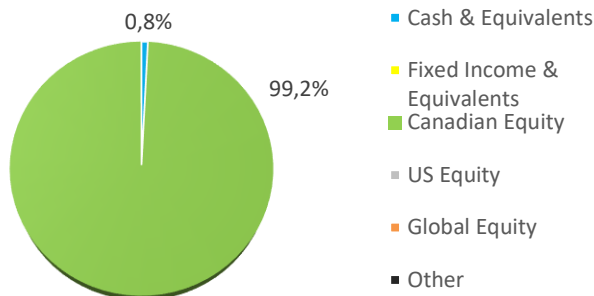
**Composition of the benchmark: S&P/TSX Total Return**

- All reported data presented includes the cash balance set aside and available for investment in securities within the private portfolio. NBF statements exclude cash amounts from listed holdings in the section dedicated to the private portfolio.

\*Returns presented are before management fees; Figures beyond 1 year are annualized

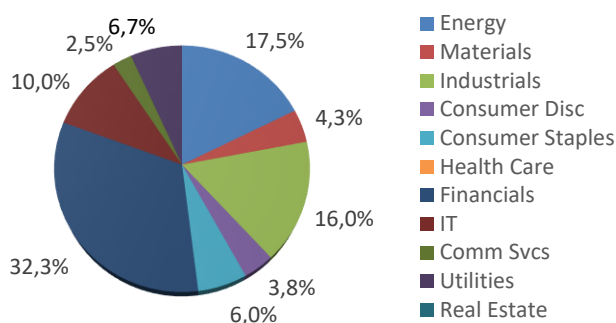
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### Asset Allocation



Source: Croesus

### Industry Weightings



Source: Croesus

## Management Commentary

Canadian markets are positive so far in 2024, but lag both the major American and global indices (EAFE). On a Price/Earnings basis Canadian markets appear very attractive, but growth has been limited; taxes have been rising; and productivity gains have been hard to come by. We do believe that the more moistest valuation levels are providing a level of safety for investors going forward, and that an increased use of AI technology will result in increased productivity.

The CDN Focused is outperforming the TSX nicely despite lagging performances from positions in **BCE (BCE) & National Bank (NA)**

- The communications sector has been very weak so far in 2024 losing 14.6%. We believe that the pullback is overdone, and that BCE's dividend, now over 9%, is secure. Quebecor (QBR.B), which held in better, was removed in the quarter as we feel it may take time for value in the communications sector to be recognized.
- National Bank of Canada (NA) acquired Canadian Western Bank (CWB) in June. NA stock pulled back over 5% on the month but the purchase looks accretive and our screens continue to favour NA over other Canadian Financials.

Source: Thomson One

## Transactions

Added	Increased	Decreased	Removed
RB Global (RBA)	None	Canadian Natural Resources (CNQ)	Quebecor (QBR.B)
Secure Energy Services (SES)		Loblaw Companies (L)	Teck Resources (TECK.B)
Stella Jones (SJ)			



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