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The Prophetable Investor

Look to the future, because that is where you will spend the rest of your life. George Burns

2018 Performance	
TSX	Down 8.89%
Dow Jones	Down 6.2%
NASDAQ	Down 3.9%
S&P 500	Down 6.8%
Gold	Down 1.7%
Oil (WTI)	Down 24.8%
Basket	Down 2.9%

T-Bill and GIC Rates as o	f 01/11/2019
1 Year T-Bills	1.65%
1 Year GIC	2.68%
2 Year GIC	3.05%
3 Year GIC	3.16%
4 Year GIC	3.18%
5 Year GIC	3.27%

TFSA & RSP Limits for 2019

The TFSA Limit for 2019 is \$6,000 for a cumulative total of \$63,500.

RSP Contribution Limit for 2019 is \$26,500.

Market Commentary

The speed at which the market declined as year-end approached was most surprising.

As of the end of September, the TSX was down about 2% on the year, but by the end of the year was down better than 12 %%. After taking dividends into account, the index was down about 9% on the year.





The story is similar in the US with the S&P 500 down nearly 14% on the quarter and Nasdaq down 17 ½% on the quarter. The Dow was down about 12% on the quarter. There was also a wide disparity in returns for the year. For example, the energy sub-sector was the worst performing being down more than 30% on the year. Financial services were down better than 13% on the year. The only sub-sectors to put a positive return in were the low weighted information technology sector at 12.5% and consumer staples at .6%

In terms of areas to look at, I think the selloff in the banks is probably overdone and there are infrastructure and utility stocks worth considering. The preferred share index would appear to off the lows of Christmas week, but still giving very attractive dividends. I also added to precious metals weighting lately.

Basket Commentary

Ten of Thirty Apple (AAPL) shares in the basket were sold at \$178 US with the proceeds invested in 170 Shares of Altagas Canada (ACI) at an average price of \$14.47. Altagas Canada is a Spin-off of Altagas Ltd consisting of four fully regulated utilities located in BC, Alberta, Nova Scotia and the Northwest Territories as well as two renewable power generation plants. Altagas Canada seems to tick all of the boxes that fit with the Basket Strategy - Value, at 11 ½ times earnings, Yield – at about 5.75%, Pension Worthiness - the long term nature of a regulated utility fits with pension plan assets. Here is a link to NBF's most recent research report on Altagas Canada

The other recent switch in the was the sale of Horizon's Enhanced Income Gold producers position and the purchase of 170 shares of Wheaton Precious Metals (WPM) at the end of September at an average price of \$22.54. Vancouver based Wheaton Precious Metals is the world's largest precious metals streaming company trading a discount to its peers on a Net Asset Value and Cash Flow multiple. We were fortunate to purchase the company in the basket shortly before a \$400 Million dollar tax dispute with the Canada Revenue Agency was settled in the company's favour on December 13 of 2018.





The stock rallied about 15% into year end and is now the second largest weighing in the basket. The largest weighting remains National Bank (NA). Apple is now the third largest weighting in the basket. NBF has Wheaton outperform rated with a 12 month target of \$32.00. You can read a recent NBF research report on Wheaton here.

Over the course of the year, the other purchase was Fiera Capital (FSZ) that was bought by a second sale of Apple shares earlier this year.

While the basket returns were down about 3% this year, the income levels actually increased. Several of the basket stocks had dividend increases. Namely, National Bank (a 5% increase), Horizon's Active Preferred ETF (a 3% increase), Bank of America (a 25% increase), BCE (a 5% increase), Fiera Capital (a 5% increase) and Apple (a 16% increase). This is one of the tenets of the basket philosophy – to buy companies with increasing dividends. The overall dividend level of the basket is about 4% based on year-end values.

Basket Performance

	3 months	1 year	5 years	10 years	Since Inception 05/23/2007
Basket Performance	(8.54%)	(2.97%)	9.28%	12.32%	5.36%
Benchmark	(8.32%)	(6.08%)	5.00%	8.22%	4.02%

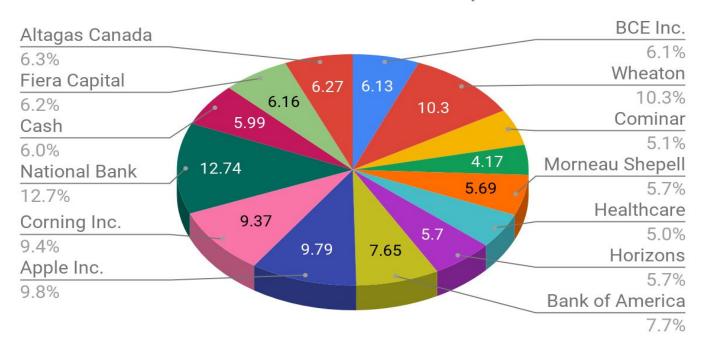
Calendar Year Performance

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Return	(2.97%)	16.6%	19.4%	(3.4%)	19.44%

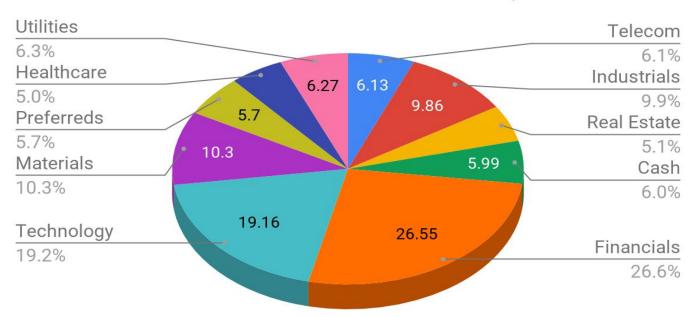




Portfolio as of December 31, 2018



Sector Allocation as of December 31, 2018



Fees: The standard fee is 1.5% annually for the basket. No basket fee in fee based accounts. Benchmark 75% TSX 15% Corporate Bond Index 10% S&P 500 index





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An interesting graphic showing the distribution of the \$80 Trillion World Economy in one graphic:

https://www.visualcapitalist.com/80-trillion-world-economy-one-chart/

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