

Canadian Dividend (iA)

QUARTERLY ANALYSIS

As at September 30, 2024

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Rate-sensitive companies drove performance, such as Enbridge, TC Energy, and Agnico Eagle Mines.
- We are investing in Al-driven energy demand, software, and the energy transition for long-term growth.
- Expecting rate cuts, we see opportunities in utilities, energy, materials, and IT amid economic uncertainty.

PORTFOLIO MANAGER



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PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

Rate-sensitive companies to the fore

Throughout the quarter, the fund's performance was driven primarily by rate-sensitive industries, such as energy and materials. In the energy sector, Enbridge and TC Energy outperformed on expectations of rate cuts and of an increase in energy demand from Al data centres.

In the materials sector, security selection played a crucial role, with Agnico Eagle Mines outperforming the broader market. Its advance was fuelled by rising gold prices amid increasing geopolitical risks and expectations of interest rate cuts.

| PERCENTILE RANKING (GROSS RETURNS) | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Period | Percentile ranking | Nb of funds in category | |
| 1 year | 14 | 86 | |
| 3 years | 31 | 72 | |
| 5 years | 48 | 69 | |

Source : Morningstar ratings, Canadian Dividend & Income Equity

| TOP 5 CONTRIBUTORS (%, QTD) | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Issuer | Return | Weight | Contribution |
| Royal Bank of Canada | 16.90 | 7.32 | 1.20 |
| Brookfield Asset Management | 25.62 | 3.42 | 0.91 |
| TD Bank | 15.06 | 5.74 | 0.83 |
| Agnico Eagle Mines | 21.61 | 4.59 | 0.77 |
| Enbridge | 14.76 | 4.80 | 0.69 |

| TOP 5 DETRACTORS (%, QTD) | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Issuer | Return | Weight | Contribution |
| Canadian Natural Resources | -6.95 | 4.72 | -0.34 |
| Microsoft | -4.81 | 2.36 | -0.15 |
| Amazon | -10.36 | 1.77 | -0.14 |
| Suncor Energy | -3.23 | 2.56 | -0.08 |
| Alimentation Couche-Tard | -2.46 | 2.69 | -0.06 |

| 3-YEAR RISK-RETURN ANALYSIS | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------|
| Indicator | Fund | Index* |
| Beta | 0.86 | 1.00 |
| Volatility | 12.17 | 13.75 |
| Information ratio | 0.20 | - |
| Upside capture | 91.37 | - |
| Downside capture | 82.24 | - |

| FUND CHARACTERISTICS | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Fund | Index* | | |
| 46 | 173 | | |
| 2.78 | 3.18 | | |
| 47% | | | |
| 65% | | | |
| | Fund 46 2.78 47% | | |

^{*} Index: S&P/TSX 60 Total Return



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PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Navigating economic uncertainty with a resilient portfolio

We initiated positions in Lundin Mining, BCE, Meta, TFI International, and LVMH. We have always considered these companies to be high-quality, if not best-in-class, businesses. We think the time is right to invest in these stocks, which are likely to perform better in uncertain economic conditions than the companies they have replaced in our portfolio.

During the quarter, we removed Bank of Nova Scotia, Tourmaline Oil, Arc Resources, and CCL Industries. We think that these companies will face significant headwinds in the coming macroeconomic environment and that the newly added or existing portfolio positions offer a more favourable risk-reward profile.

PORTFOLIO POSITIONING

Strategically focusing on high risk-reward opportunities

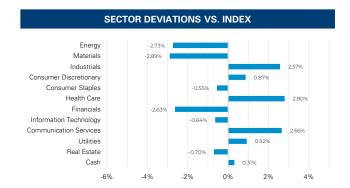
We have strategically positioned our fund to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in top-tier businesses that drive innovation in expanding industries. Acknowledging the current economic uncertainties, we evaluate our holdings not only for their long-term return potential but also for their resilience to economic downturns.

Amid these short-term uncertainties, we have identified trends such as Al-driven energy demand, software, and the energy transition as having the most favourable risk-reward profiles. These trends help mitigate the impact of economic downturns while offering substantial returns.

MARKET OUTLOOK

Expecting a series of rate cuts to unfold

| SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS (Q3 2024) | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Positions initiated | Sector | |
| Lundin Mining Corp | Materials | |
| BCE Inc | Communication Services | |
| Meta Platforms Inc | Communication Services | |
| TFI International Inc | Industrials | |
| LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE | Consumer Discretionary | |
| Positions exited | Sector | |
| Bank of Nova Scotia | Financials | |
| Tourmaline Oil Corp | Energy | |
| Arc Resources Ltd | Energy | |
| CCL Industries Inc | Materials | |
| | | |



| TOP 5 HOLDINGS | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Holding | Sector | Weight (%) |
| Royal Bank of Canada | Financials | 7.13 |
| Toronto-Dominion Bank | Financials | 6.51 |
| Brookfield Asset Management | Financials | 5.27 |
| Agnico Eagle Mines | Materials | 5.00 |
| Enbridge | Energy | 4.87 |

In the Canadian market, we expect the latter part of 2024 and early 2025 to be marked by unique scenarios, including the impact of ongoing wars, interest rate cuts, and the outcome of the U.S. election. The financial health of the Canadian consumer base is showing signs of strain and inflation remains under control, so we expect rate cuts to continue.

We think high-quality businesses in most sectors will be able to withstand market uncertainties. We see significant opportunities in utilities, energy, materials, and information technology as the main beneficiaries of a decelerating economy in a rate-cut environment.

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