

EXEMPLAR GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

commentary – Week ending March 13, 2026



March 13th 2026 Asset Allocation: 7.1% cash; 23.9% bonds; 0.3% commodities, and 68.7% equities*; 16.3% \$US

March 6th 2026 Asset Allocation: 7.1% cash; 23.7% bonds; 0.3% commodities, and 69.0% equities*; 16.6% \$US

*Net exposure to equities

	Last Week	Year to Date
iShares U.S. 7-10 Yr Bond ETF	-0.89%	+0.03%
iShares Core Canada Bond Index ETF	-0.64%	-0.21%
Gold (GLD ETF)	-2.68%	+16.28%
USD/CAD	+0.57%	-0.45%
ACWI (ETF)	-1.51%	-1.38%
S&P 500 (SPX ETF)	-1.50%	-2.88%
Nasdaq (QQQ ETF)	-1.01%	-3.35%
S&P/TSX (XIU ETF)	-1.19%	+2.10%
EGIF – Series FD	-0.81%	+4.51%
EGLIF – Series FD	-0.68%	+1.64%

March 6, 2026 to March 13, 2026

Quad Forecast	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E
Canada	Quad 2 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↑)	Quad 2 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↑)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)
United States	Quad 1 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↓)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)

Source: Hedgeye Risk Management, March 2026

Last week, global markets navigated a complex landscape as geopolitical shocks in the Middle East collided with critical domestic economic data, leaving investors to weigh the prospects of stagflation against hopes for a diplomatic resolution. The primary driver of volatility remained the energy complex, where oil prices experienced dramatic swings following the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz. Brent crude surged toward the \$120 per barrel mark early in the week as the market priced in a historic supply disruption. These gains were partially pared back following diplomatic signals and rumors of negotiated tanker passage, yet the underlying risk premium remains substantial. Energy-sensitive sectors across global equities felt the weight of these costs, contributing to a third consecutive weekly decline for the S&P 500, which has now pulled back roughly 5% from its January highs.

Adding a layer of unpredictability to the geopolitical narrative were comments from President Trump, who characterized the conflict as being in its final stages. The President suggested that the military phase was “very complete” and predicted a significant decline in energy costs once the situation is resolved. While these pronouncements initially sparked a relief rally in equities and a temporary softening of crude prices, the market’s skepticism grew as the week progressed. Conflicting reports from the Department of Defense and ongoing strikes in the region suggested a “new phase” of the conflict rather than an immediate cessation. For investors, the takeaway is a widened range of outcomes; the potential for a “TACO” (Trump Chickening Out) or a swift victory remains on the table, but the reality of closed shipping lanes continues to exert upward pressure on the global inflationary backdrop.

On the domestic front, the February Consumer Price Index (CPI) report offered a brief moment of relative calm before

the storm. Headline CPI rose 0.3% for the month, with the year-over-year rate holding steady at 2.4%. While the data was largely in line with expectations and showed stable core inflation at 2.5%, the report underscored a stubborn “settling” of inflation above the Federal Reserve’s 2% target. More concerning, the February data largely predates the full impact of the recent oil spike. Investors are now looking ahead to how the “supercore” services and energy pass-through will manifest in future readings, as the current stability in prices feels increasingly fragile in the face of \$100+ oil.

The focus now shifts entirely to the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting on March 17-18. While a pause is universally expected—maintaining the federal funds rate at 3.5% to 3.75%—the real interest lies in the updated “dot plot” and Chairman Powell’s tone. The Fed finds itself in a classic policy bind: a cooling labor market would typically justify rate cuts, yet the geopolitical oil shock threatens to reignite the very inflation they have spent two years fighting. Market participants have already begun pricing out previously anticipated easing, with the consensus for the first rate cut of 2026 now pushed back to September.

Sector Breakdown and Top Holdings

The Fund is prepared for multiple outcomes and using market swings to add or remove exposures. Our biggest sectors: Materials (10.8%), Industrials (8.9%), Energy (8.4%), Financials (8.0%), and Real Estate (4.9%). I’ve added our Top 10 Equity Holdings below for this week.

Top 10 Equity Holdings as of March 13, 2026

1.	Tenaz Energy - TNZ	Energy
2.	Base Carbon - BCBN	Financials
3.	Canadian National Railway – CNR	Industrials
4.	Chartwell Retirement – CSH.UN	REITS
5.	Canadian Imperial Bank - CM	Financials
6.	Manulife - MFC	Financials
7.	Suncor Energy – SU	Energy
8.	Premium Brands - PBH	Consumer Staples
9.	Taiwan Semiconductor - TSM	Technology
10.	Boyd Group - BYD	Consumer Discretionary

*EGIF Top 10 Equity Holdings exposure: 9.4%

The Exemplar Growth & Income Series FD was -0.81% last week and is +4.51% year to date.

Exemplar Global Growth & Income

Quad Forecast	1Q26E	2Q26E	3Q26E
Europe	Quad 4 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↓)	Quad 2 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↑)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)
China	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 1 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↓)	Quad 1 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↓)
Japan	Quad 1 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↓)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)

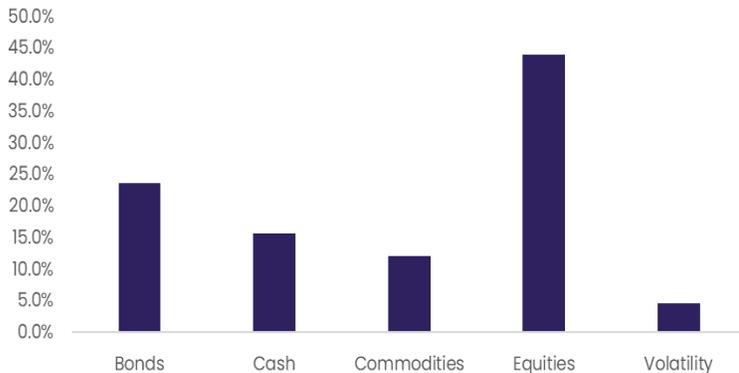
Source: Hedgeye Risk Management, February 2026

The past week saw the Iran war continue to escalate despite President Trump’s declaration of victory. The price of oil closed the week higher again and markets have now become highly correlated to just one variable – the price of crude. While the level is one thing, it is the duration of high prices that continues to be the focus of investor’s attention. In particular, the passage through the Strait of Hormuz is key as daily shortfalls cannot be fully offset via storage or alternate pathways. The U.S. is likely to put heavy pressure on other countries to assist in opening the passage but how/when this might happen is difficult to determine. Without a doubt, there will be growing pressure from U.S. lawmakers and the pending midterms for Trump to seek a solution while at the same time recognizing that China and others would also benefit greatly from a resolution.

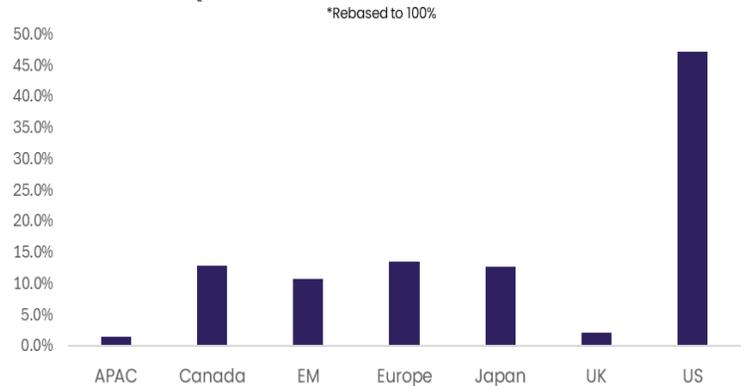
This coming week we will get PPI and the FOMC in the U.S. Rates will not change. As inflation expectations and out month oil prices continue to move higher, we have reduced our equity exposure to 50% with substantial overweights in energy and utilities and substantial underweights in financials and technology. Fixed income and cash are 35% with a growing allocation to TIPs. Commodities are 12% and overweight versus our internal benchmark of 10%. Currently, our models are signalling back-to-back Quad 3 quarters in the U.S. (Q2/Q3). Based on our back tests this is a very poor environment for risk assets. We will continue to monitor the conditions in the Middle East and will have some upside equity optionality to a resolution in the next few weeks.

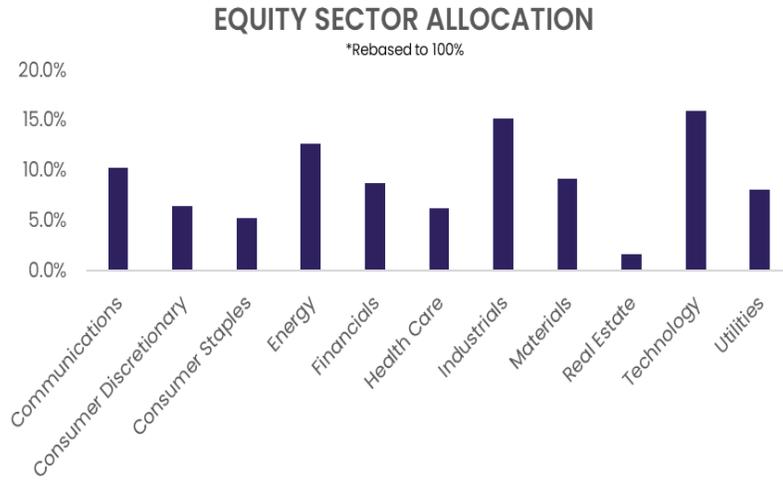
Exemplar Global Growth & Income Asset Allocation – March 13, 2026

ASSET ALLOCATION



EQUITY GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION





Top 10 Equity Holdings as of March 13, 2026

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| 1. Alphabet – GOOG | Communication Services |
| 2. Amazon – AMZN | Consumer Discretionary |
| 3. Meta Platforms - META | Communication Services |
| 4. Nvidia – NVDA | Technology |
| 5. Aecon Group - ARE | Industrials |
| 6. Imperial Oil - IMO | Energy |
| 7. Nestle - NSRGY | Consumer Staples |
| 8. Mitsubishi Heavy – 7011.T | Industrials |
| 9. NextEra Energy - NEE | Utilities |
| 10. Eli Lilly – LLY | Healthcare |

*EGGIF Top 10 Equity Holdings exposure: 7.5%

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Thanks,
Arrow Investment Team

Historical Performance – As of February 28, 2026

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	ITD
EGIF - Series FD	27.11%	13.10%	7.97%	8.87%	8.32%
EGGIF – Series FD	16.79%	9.19%			4.81%

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