

EXEMPLAR GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

commentary – Week ending October 17, 2025



October 17th 2025 Asset Allocation: 7.0% cash; 18.2% bonds; 2.5% commodities, and 62.2% equities*; 28.4% \$US

October 10th 2025 Asset Allocation: 6.4% cash; 26.4% bonds; 3.7% commodities, and 61.8% equities*; 25.8% \$US

*Net exposure to equities

	Last Week	Year to Date
iShares U.S. 7-10 Yr Bond ETF	+1.02%	+8.63%
iShares Core Canada Bond Index ETF	+0.55%	+3.36%
Gold (GLD ETF)	+5.38%	+59.28%
USD/CAD	+0.19%	-2.29%
ACWI (ETF)	+2.14%	+18.29%
S&P 500 (SPX ETF)	+1.73%	+13.62%
Nasdaq (QQQ ETF)	+2.44%	+17.82%
S&P/TSX (XIU ETF)	-0.59%	+21.05%
EGIF – Series FD	+1.05%	+15.03%
EGGIF – Series FD	+1.13%	+12.31%

October 10, 2025 to October 17, 2025

Quad Forecast	3Q25E	4Q25E	1Q26E
Canada	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 2 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↑)
United States	Quad 2 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↑)	Quad 2 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↑)	Quad 1 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↓)

Source: Hedgeye Risk Management, October 2025

U.S. stock markets ended the week higher, recovering from a sharp sell-off the previous Friday—the worst for the S&P 500 since April. Markets experienced notable volatility throughout the week but found support from easing U.S.-China trade tensions, dovish signals from Federal Reserve officials, and momentum in the artificial intelligence (AI) sector through several deal announcements.

The start of earnings season also contributed to positive market sentiment. Major banks including JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, and Wells Fargo reported stronger-than-expected third-quarter results. As of Friday, about 12% of S&P 500 companies had reported, with 86% beating earnings estimates, according to FactSet. However, investor confidence was tested mid-week when regional banks revealed issues tied to potentially fraudulent loans. This came on the heels of bankruptcies in the subprime auto lending and auto parts sectors, raising alarms about credit risk and the stability of regional banks. The news caused a spike in the CBOE Volatility Index to its highest level since April, reflecting growing market uncertainty.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled continued support for rate cuts amid signs of a weakening labor market. Speaking Tuesday, Powell highlighted rising risks to employment, reinforcing expectations that the Fed may lower interest rates again this year, despite persistent inflation. Other Fed officials echoed this sentiment. Additionally, the Fed's latest Beige Book report painted a mixed picture of the economy. While employment remained steady and wages rose, consumer spending slightly declined, prices increased, and more employers reported reducing headcounts. Overall, the

data suggest the economy is cooling, supporting the case for further monetary easing.

Sector Breakdown and Top Holdings

The Fund is prepared for multiple outcomes and using market swings to add or remove exposures. Our biggest sectors: Industrials (9.7%), Materials (9.5%), Financials (7.4%), Energy (7.3%), and Real Estate (5.2%). I've added our Top 10 Equity Holdings below for this week.

Top 10 Equity Holdings as of October 17, 2025

1.	Schmid Group – SHMD	Industrials
2.	Chartwell Retirement – CSH.UN	REITS
3.	Manulife - MFC	Financials
4.	Base Carbon - BCBN	Financials
5.	Tenaz Energy - TNZ	Energy
6.	Canadian Imperial Bank - CM	Financials
7.	Amazon – AMZN	Consumer Discretionary
8.	Sun Life – SLF	Financials
9.	Capital Power – CPX	Utilities
10.	Enbridge – ENB	Energy

*EGIF Top 10 Equity Holdings exposure: 9.6%

The Exemplar Growth & Income Series FD was +1.05% last week and is +15.03% year to date.

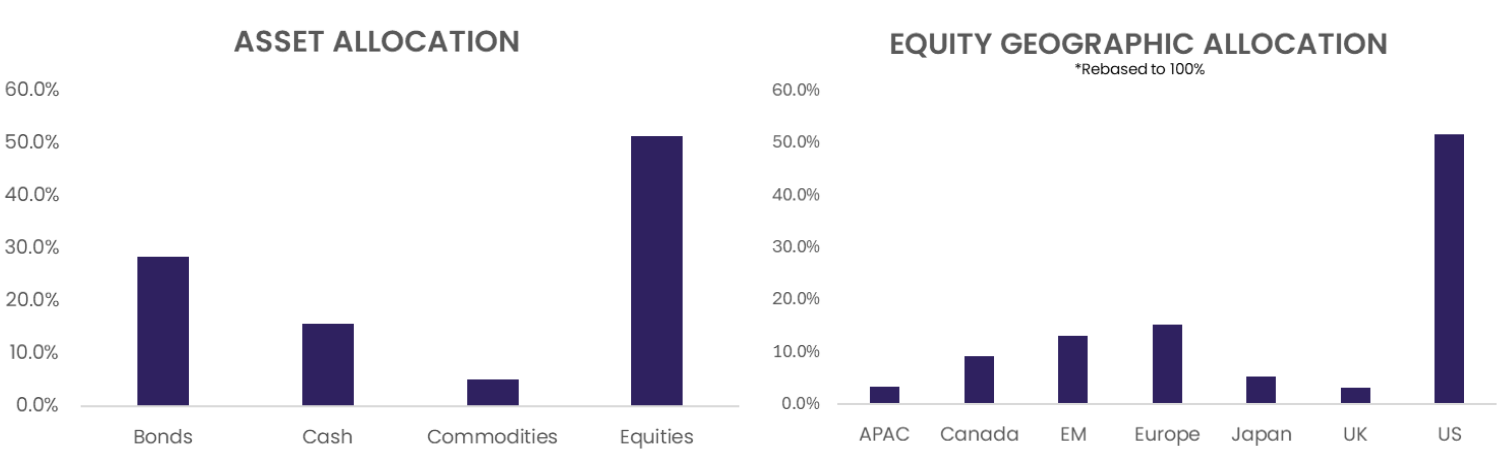
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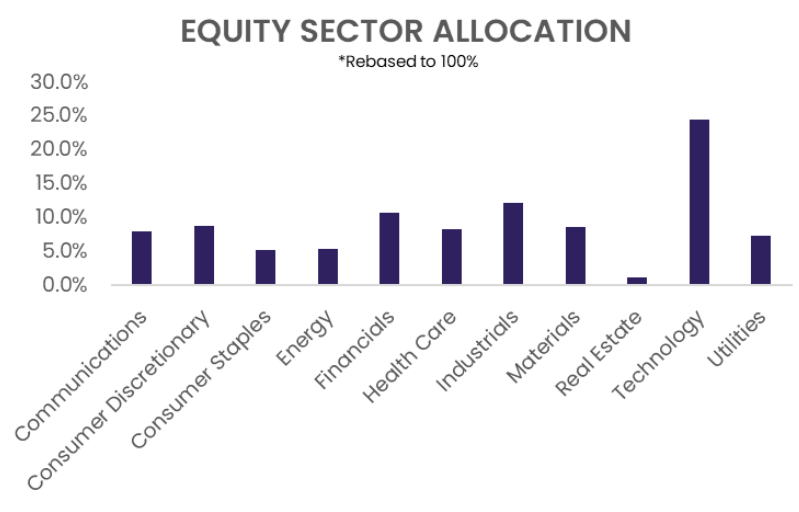
Quad Forecast	3Q25E	4Q25E	1Q26E
Europe	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 4 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↓)
China	Quad 4 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↓)	Quad 3 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↑)	Quad 4 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↓)
Japan	Quad 4 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↓)	Quad 4 (GDP ↓, Inflation ↓)	Quad 1 (GDP ↑, Inflation ↓)

Source: Hedgeye Risk Management, October 2025

Global equity markets continued their winning ways despite the setback on Friday. All eyes will be focused on the slew of forthcoming earnings in the next few weeks, and we will be listening to management teams for clues as to whether our macro models are matching up with the bottom-up views of companies. We had several large money-center bank results last week which were on balance strong given capital market activity. Many of these stocks had run up into the prints so they were modestly sold off. Credit issues around several failed BDC’s has added some fear into the market – particularly smaller US banks / credit issuers – will watch closely ZION and COF commentaries this week. We are all aware of the “K-shaped” economy and the fact that is it is becoming even more extreme. This reality will likely show up in company results as well – for example, we favour luxury/high income focused companies over low-income focused companies at this juncture.

Outside of the US, Japanese politics received a boost with new coalition between the LDP and The Japanese Restoration Party helping to put a strong bid back into the market. The improving governance and renewed focus on improving ROI’s / reducing cross ownership in public companies in both Japan and now Korea, should help share prices over the medium term in both markets.





Top 10 Equity Holdings as of October 17, 2024

1.	Microsoft – MFST	Technology
2.	Alphabet – GOOG	Communication Services
3.	Apple - AAPL	Technology
4.	Nvidia - NVDA	Technology
5.	Meta Platforms - META	Communication Services
6.	Amazon – AMZN	Consumer Discretionary
7.	Walmart – WMT	Consumer Staples
8.	Sempra – SRE	Utilities
9.	General Electric - GE	Industrials
10.	Unilever - UL	Consumer Staples

*EGGIF Top 10 Equity Holdings exposure: 6.3%

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Thanks,
Arrow Investment Team

Historical Performance – As of September 30, 2025

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year	ITD
EGIF - Series FD	16.48%	8.88%	7.37%	7.65%	7.43%
EGGIF – Series FD	12.17%	7.01%			3.38%

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