

# EXEMPLAR GROWTH & INCOME FUND

Week ending March 17, 2023



March 17, 2023 Asset Allocation: 21.5% cash; 45.6% bonds; 8.0% commodities (GLD ETF) and 24.9% equities\*; 46.0% \$US, and 5.9% (non N. American equities)

March 10, 2023 Asset Allocation: 32.5% cash; 39.5% bonds; 5.8% commodities (GLD ETF) and 22.2% equities\*; 46.0% \$US, and 6.4% (non N. American equities)

\*Net exposure to equities

	Last Week	Year to Date
iShares U.S. 7-10 Yr Bond ETF	+1.97%	+4.07%
Scotia Canada Bond Index	+0.76%	+3.92%
Gold	+6.48%	+9.17%
S&P 500	+1.43%	+2.01%
Nasdaq	+4.41%	+11.12%
S&P/TSX	-1.96%	+0.01%
EGIF – Series F	+0.47%	+1.46%
EGGIC – Series F	-0.40%	+0.22%

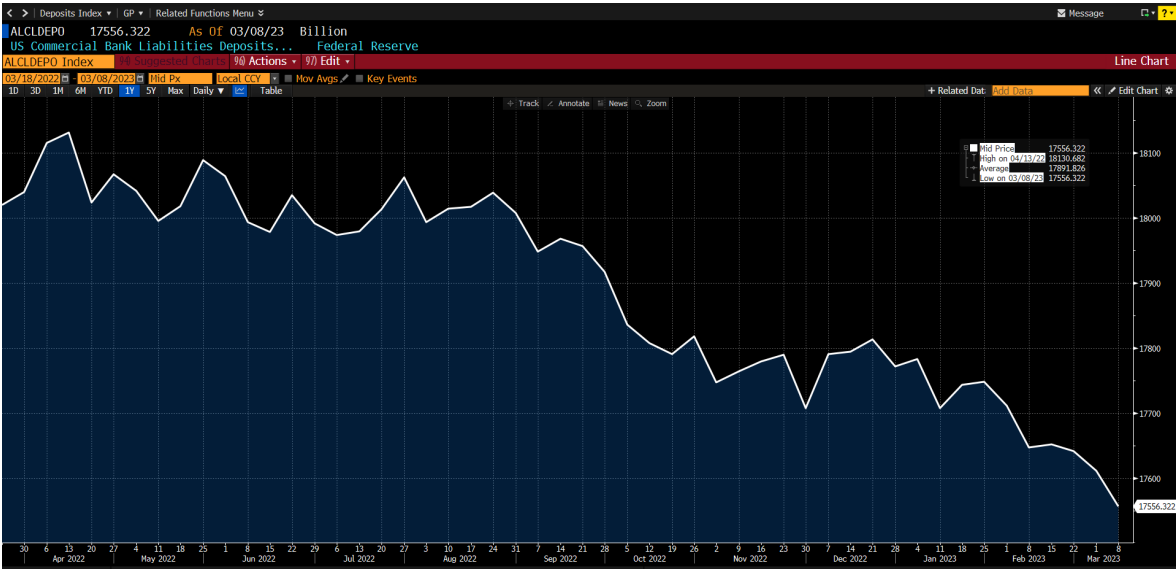
March 10, 2023 to March 17, 2023

*Looks like they just wiped out half of QT with Bank Borrowing at the Discount Window GREATER on a weekly basis (\$165B this week) vs. any week in 2008 (\$111B was the record week, and that didn't change The Cycle either)*

– Keith McCullough, Hedgeye

March Madness on the U.S. College basketball courts and in the markets. Year to date all asset classes are up but the daily volatility has been tremendous. This past week saw bank rescues and the bank crisis continue. The main issue has been bank deposits flocking to higher yielding T-Bills versus deposit rates, while bank assets have declined due to the rate hikes. Banks hold liquid assets as deposits come and go, mostly U.S. Treasury bonds. The bonds have gone down in value over the past 24 months. The FDIC rescue plan is to guarantee the banks par value on all U.S. Treasury bonds. The move is shoring up the banks collateral and the Fed is essentially injecting liquidity into the financial system. Across the pond Credit Suisse received a liquidity injection in the form of a loan from the ECB. The question is how many more banks are in or close to distress. These events may be the precursor to more trouble ahead. In the meantime, it may calm the markets and every asset class loves more liquidity. The banking mayhem, and the interest rate hiking cycle in our mind will bring about the forecasted recession. Our asset classes of preference in a decelerating growth environment are bonds and gold. Both were increased last week. Equities will provide great trading opportunities. This past week, our equity weight ranged between 5% and 40%.

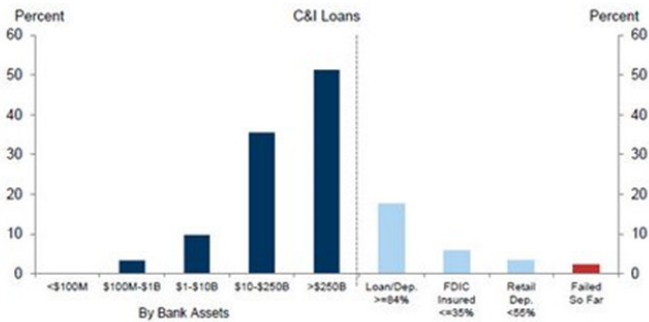
U.S. Commercial Bank Deposits – been going down since Fed started raising rates



Source: Bloomberg

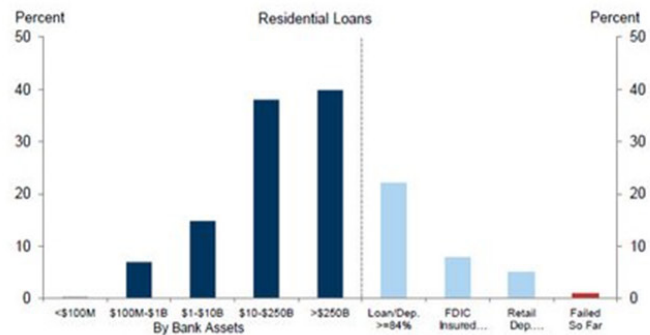
Small/medium banks account for 50% of U.S. commercial and industrial lending, 60% of residential real estate lending, 80% of commercial real estate lending, and 45% of consumer lending.

Exhibit 1: Banks With Less Than \$250 Billion in Assets Account for About Half of All Commercial and Industrial Lending



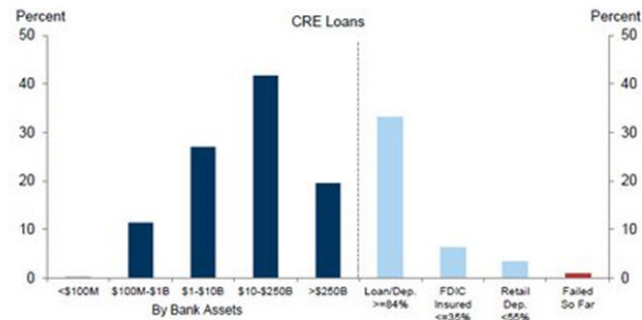
Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 2: Small and Medium-Sized Banks Account for 60% of Total Residential Lending



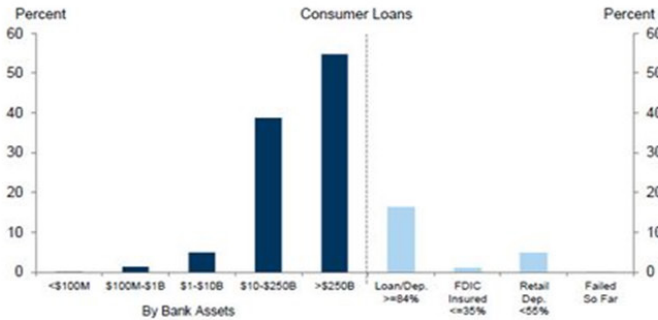
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Exhibit 3: Small and Medium-Sized Banks Account for About 80% of Total Commercial Real Estate Lending



Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

Exhibit 4: Small and Medium-Sized Banks Account for About 45% of Total Consumer Loans



Source: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

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The Fund is very active increasing and decreasing equity exposure. The Fund is positioned for further deceleration in GDP growth and a deceleration in inflation. The Fund will tactically trade equities, either through outright sales or 'shorting'. The Fed is focused on reducing inflation and recent data has the market pricing in 1 more hike in March. Our biggest sectors are: Energy (6.0%), Financials (5.5%), Industrials (4.9%), Utilities (4.0%), and REITS (3.4%). I've added our Top 10 Equity Holdings below for this week.

**Top 10 Equity Holdings as of March 17, 2023**

- Pembina – PPL
- Unilever - UL
- WSP -WSP
- Royal Bank -RY
- Superior Plus - SPB
- National Bank - NA
- CGI Group - GIBa
- Canadian Natural Resources - CNQ
- Restaurant Brands – QSR
- Quebecor - QBRb

The Exemplar Growth & Income Series F was +0.47% last week and is +1.46% year to date.

**Exemplar Global Growth & Income**

We launched a Global version of our Exemplar Growth & Income Fund in December of 2021. The Fund has the same investment team and investment process that you are familiar with from the Exemplar Growth & Income Fund but with a Global geographical focus. To help show the portfolio differences, we have included the asset allocation for Exemplar Global Growth & Income as well as the top 10 equity holdings and performance below.

March 17th, 2023 Asset Allocation: 52.6% cash; 17.1% bonds; 6.1% commodities and 24.2% equities\*; 30.0% \$US, 0.1% EUR, 1.2% Yen, 0.0% AUD, 0.5% Other and -2.7% GBP

March 10th, 2023 Asset Allocation: 50.3% cash; 20.5% bonds; 5.5% commodities and 23.2% equities\*; 40.0% \$US, 2.7% EUR, 1.1% Yen, 0.6% AUD, 4.3% Other and -1.9% GBP

\*Net exposure to equities

**Top 10 Equity Holdings as of March 17, 2023**

- Boston Scientific - BSX
- HCA Healthcare - HCA
- Liberty Media - LSXMA
- McDonald's – MCD
- Pepsi - PEP
- Exxon Mobil – XOM
- PG&E – PCG
- Walmart – WMT
- Volkswagen – VOW
- Monster Beverage - MNST

The Exemplar Global Growth & Income Series F was -0.40% last week and is +0.22% year to date.

Historical Performance – As of February 28, 2023

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	ITD
EGIF - Series F	-6.89%	4.53%	4.94%	6.55%
EGGIC - Series F	-3.59%			-5.69%

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