

# EXEMPLAR GROWTH & INCOME FUND

Week ending March 8, 2024



March 8th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 12.2% cash; 32.5% bonds; 5.8% commodities (4.6% GLD ETF/1.2% IBIT) and 49.5% equities\*; 32.0% \$US, 1.5% Yen

March 1st, 2024 Asset Allocation: 0.7% cash; 33.0% bonds; 5.9% commodities (4.1% GLD ETF/ 0.3% SLV ETF/1.5% IBIT) and 60.4% equities\*; 30.0% \$US, 1.5% Yen

\*Net exposure to equities

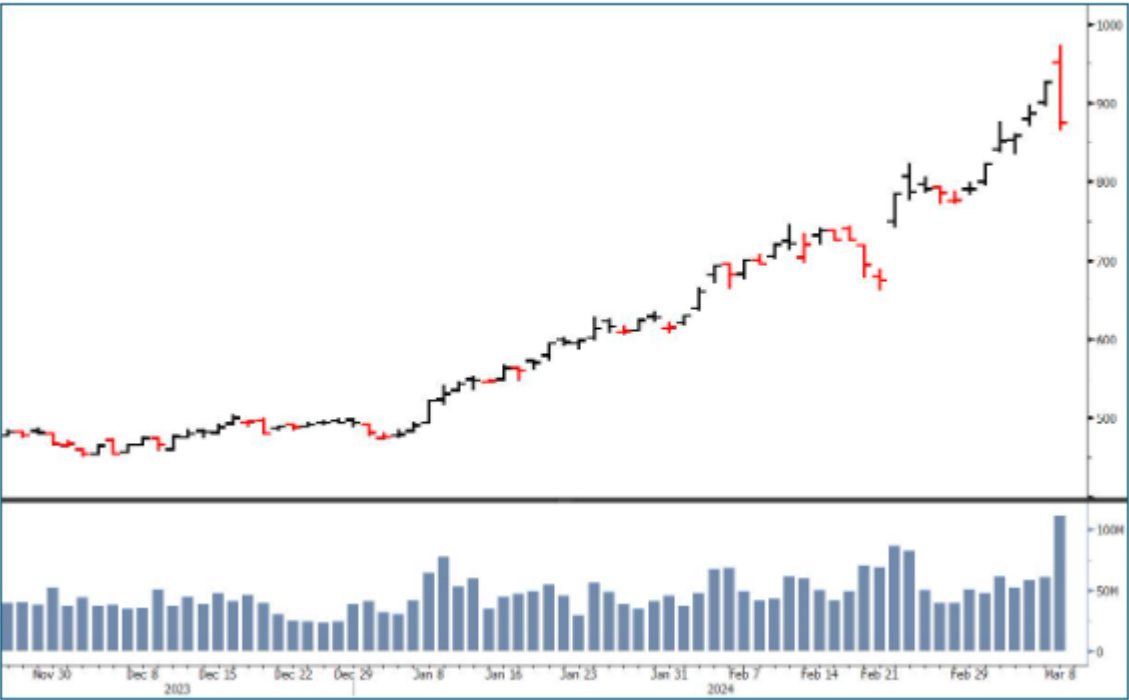
	Last Week	Year to Date
iShares U.S. 7-10 Yr Bond ETF	+0.88%	-0.70%
Scotia Canada Bond Index	+0.65%	-0.80%
Gold	+4.61%	+5.62%
USD/CAD	-0.57%	+1.85%
ACWI (ETF)	+0.36%	+6.19%
S&P 500	-0.26%	+7.42%
Nasdaq	-1.17%	+7.15%
S&P/TSX	+0.86%	+3.72%
EGIF – Series F	+0.48%	+3.54%
EGGIC – Series F	+0.44%	+3.79%

March 1, 2024 to March 8, 2024



This past week U.S. equities and the U.S. dollar were down while gold, bonds, TSX and Global markets generally up. The U.S. markets are dominated by Technology while foreign markets and Canada lean towards Financials, Energy and Materials. Is the market getting excited about Chinese stimulus and the uptick in Global manufacturing? I think so. Essentially, is there an alternative to chasing Technology stocks? I think the answer could be yes. Although, there were dip buyers on the close Friday, the trading action (especially in Nvidia) may put a correction in the U.S. Indices in play. We reduced our U.S. equity exposure at the end of the week. A key economic data point this week is U.S. CPI on Tuesday. Our view is it will be higher than consensus expectations.

NVIDIA (NVDA)



Source: Carter Worth, WorthCharting

Non-Farm Payrolls known as the Establishment Survey for February were reported on Friday and its becoming less useful as there are large revisions each month. However, the unemployment rate reported by the Household Survey showed an uptick to 3.9%. Thursday, Continuing Jobless Claims continued to move up. Although, Claims are rising the Atlanta Fed Nowcast has 1st quarter GDP growth around 2.5%. I think that comes down by the end of the quarter.

U.S. Continuing Jobless Claims – March 9, 2023 to February 23, 2024



Source: Bloomberg

Utilities and Materials led in the U.S. while Materials and Utilities led in Canada. A move towards defense and gold. Discretionary and Info Tech were the worst in the U.S. while Healthcare and Communications were the worst in Canada. Bitcoin and Gold were up this week while The U.S. Dollar Index was down 1.08% and CAD up 57 bps. U.S. dollar could be key this week. The Fund added small on the weakness in anticipation of a higher CPI.

The Fund is very active increasing and decreasing equity exposure. The Fund will tactically trade equities, either through outright sales or ‘shorting’. The Fed is focused on reducing inflation to 2% and Jay Powell reiterated in Jackson Hole that 2% is not negotiable. The FED last raised interest rates by 25 bps in July. Both the Fed and Bank of Canada don’t believe they will hit their objective until 2025. The direction of Fed Funds and BoC rate is lower but the pace is uncertain. May is 22% probability of a cut and June 67%. Our biggest sectors are: Energy (10.3%), Financials (8.4%), Industrials (6.2%), Information Technology (5.7%) and Materials (3.1%). I’ve added our Top 10 Equity Holdings below for this week.

Top 10 Equity Holdings as of March 8, 2024

1.	National Bank - NA	Financials
2.	Royal Bank - RY	Financials
3.	ARC Resorces - ARX	Energy
4.	Goldman Sachs – GS	Financials
5.	Canadian Pacific – CP	Industrials
6.	Canadian Natural Resources – CNQ	Energy
7.	Intel Corp – INTC	Information Technology
8.	Canadian National Railway - CNR	Industrial
9.	Constellation Software – CSU	Information Technology
10.	Danaher Corp - DHR	Healthcare

The Exemplar Growth & Income Series F was +0.48% last week and is +3.54% 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 1st, 2024 Asset Allocation: 5.1% cash; 36.1% bonds; 9.8% commodities and 48.9% equities\*; 30.8% \$US, 7.7% EUR, 4.3% Yen, 2.9% AUD, 2.7% Other and 2.9% GBP

February 23rd, 2024 Asset Allocation: 4.8% cash; 37.9% bonds; 9.3% commodities and 47.8% equities\*; 20.5% \$US, 7.4% EUR, 4.2% Yen, 2.9% AUD, 3.0% Other and 3.5% GBP

\*Net exposure to equities

Top 10 Equity Holdings as of March 1, 2024

1.	Microsoft – MFST	Information Technology
2.	Amazon - AMZN	Consumer Discretionary
3.	Nvidia - NVDA	Information Technology
4.	Meta – META	Communication Services
5.	Arista Networks - ANET	Information Technology
6.	ASML Holding - ASML	Information Technology
7.	Alphabet - GOOG	Communication Services
8.	Canadian Natural Resources – CNQ	Energy
9.	JP Morgan - JPM	Financials
10.	Simon Property - SPG	Real Estate

The Exemplar Global Growth & Income Series F was +1.17% last week and is +3.34% year to date.

Historical Performance – As of February 29, 2024

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	ITD
EGIF - Series F	1.33%	0.91%	4.26%	5.97%
EGGIC – Series F	1.84%			-2.29%

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