June 21st, 2024 Asset Allocation: 0.9% cash; 41.0% bonds; 8.8% commodities (5.1% GLD ETF/ 1.9% SLV/ 1.8% IBIT) and 49.3% equities*; 29.0% $US

June 14th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 0.6% cash; 39.1% bonds; 7.4% commodities (3.7% GLD ETF/ 1.9% SLV/ 1.8% IBIT) and 52.9% equities*; 29.0% $US
*Net exposure to equities

	Last Week	Year to Date
iShares U.S. 7-10 Yr Bond ETF	-0.27%	-0.76%
Scotia Canada Bond Index	-0.12%	+0.50%
Gold	-0.47%	+12.55%
USD/CAD	-0.31%	+3.42%
ACWI (ETF)	+0.44%	+10.20%
S&P 500	+0.57%	+14.57%
Nasdaq	+0.12%	+17.84%
S&P/TSX	-0.39%	+2.85%
EGIF – Series F	-0.67%	+3.69%
EGGIC – Series F	-0.11%	+5.39%

June 14, 2024 to June 21, 2024

Before we get into the weekly commentary, we wanted to highlight that we just released our Q2 2024 portfolio update video (~10 minutes long). In the video, we go through what has happened so far this year, the current portfolio positioning and outlook over the next two quarters. Furthermore, in the video we announce the addition of Ashley Kennedy to the Growth & Income investment team. To access this update please click the link below.

Exemplar Growth & Income Q2 2024 Update Video
Exemplar Growth & Income Q2 2024 Presentation Deck

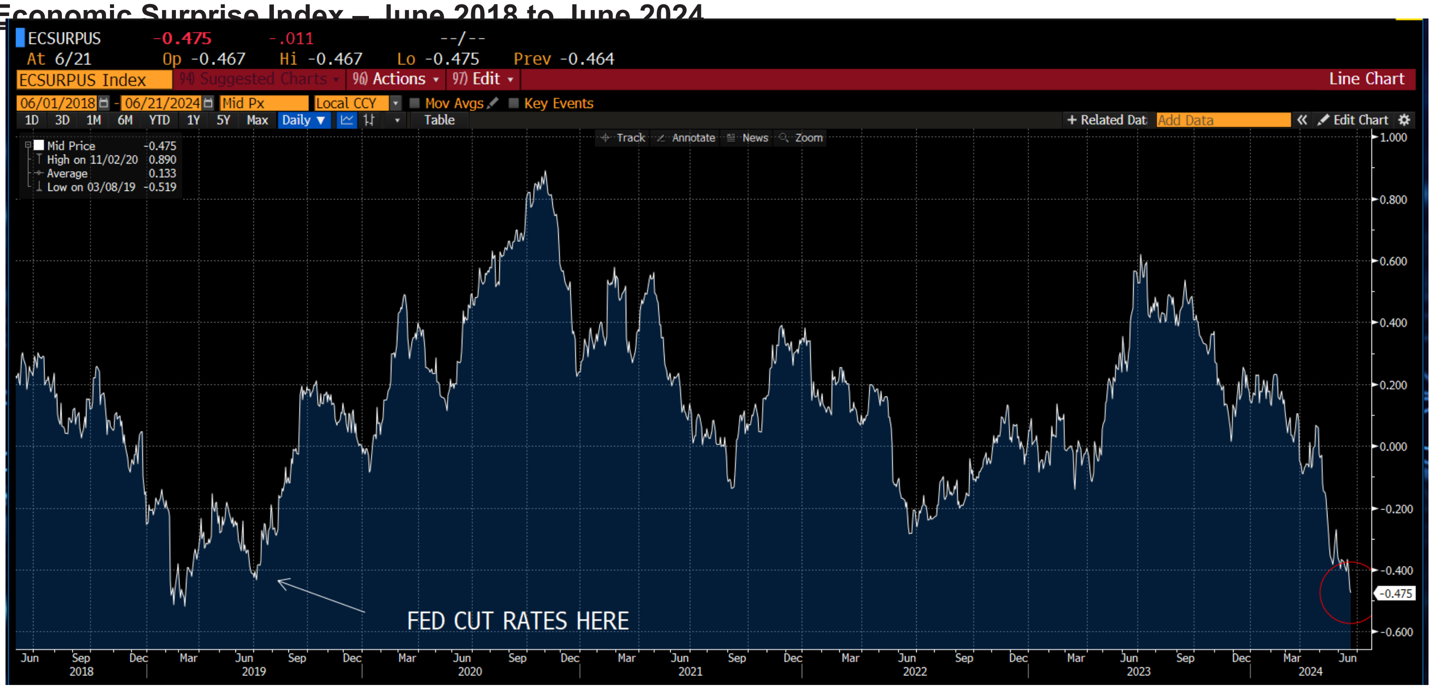
U.S. Equities and Foreign markets were up last week. The TSX, Gold, Bonds and U.S. dollar were down. The TSX has had a rough go the past couple of weeks and some of the weakness is due to the 'New' higher Capital Gains Tax which comes into effect June 25th. Another eventful week on the economic data front. The Swiss National Bank cut interest rates for a second time this year. In Europe, the Eurozone Preliminary PMI numbers for June were all less than expected with Manufacturing at 45.6. The U.S. Preliminary PMI for June were all higher than expected and all above 50. The U.S. Dollar Index (DXY) is knocking up against the 106 level and was up 0.27% on the week. The Japanese Yen was down 1.5% during the week.

Both Initial Jobless Claims and Continuing Claims came in higher than expected, the trend appears to be higher. For two years there was a Global Manufacturing Recession which began to improve this past December. The issue in 2024 is the Consumer. The Consumer is cash strapped from higher rates and inflation and is not optimistic on Household Income Expectations (see below). This past week Retail Sales Control Group came in less than expected for May and April was revised down to -0.5%. Housing Starts and Building Permits were less than expected for May as well. It seems to me the Consumer is long over due for a rate cut. Don't be surprised if it happens in July. Chart below is The Bloomberg Economic Surprise Index and the U.S. is at the level rates were cut in 2019. Surprise Index has been trending down for awhile and in negative territory.

Source: The Kobeissi Letter

The best sectors last week in the U.S. were Info Tech and Real Estate and it was Info Tech and Real Estate (not positive) that led in Canada. Energy and Financials were the worst in the U.S. while Staples and Communications were the worst sectors in Canada.

U.S. Economic Surprise Index – June 2018 to June 2024



Source: Bloomberg

The best sectors last week in the U.S. were Discretionary and Financials and it was Staples and HealthCare that led in Canada. Utilities and Real Estate were the worst in the U.S. while Info Tech and Utilities were the worst sectors in Canada.

Last week the Fund increased Bonds and duration, Utilities, and Healthcare and reduced Financials.

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, 2023. Bank of Canada has begun its rate cutting cycle and expects more this year. The Fed is still data dependent. The direction of Fed Funds and BoC rate is lower but the pace is uncertain. July is 10% probability of a cut by the Fed and September 61%. Our biggest sectors: Energy (8.1%), Industrials (6.9%), Materials (6.2%), Financials (6.0%) and Information Technology (4.5%). I've added our Top 10 Equity Holdings below for this week.

Top 10 Equity Holdings as of June 21, 2024

1.	Royal Bank - RY	Financials
2.	National Bank - NA	Financials
3.	Canadian Imperial Bank - CM	Financials
4.	Teck Corp – TECK	Materials - Copper
5.	American Tower – AMT	REITS
6.	Arc Resources - ARX	Energy
7.	Celestica - CLS	Info Tech
8.	Pembina Pipelines - PPL	Energy
9.	Keyera Corp – KEY	Energy - Midstream
10.	Agnico Eagle – AEM	Materials - Gold

The Exemplar Growth & Income Series F was -0.67% last week and is +3.69% 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.

June 21st, 2024 Asset Allocation: 24.2% cash; 29.1% bonds; 7.4% commodities and 39.3% equities*; 25.4% $US, 5.0% EUR, 5.4% GBP, 2.5% AUD, 0.4% Yen and 6.2% Other

June 14th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 25.3% cash; 29.7% bonds; 6.6% commodities and 38.4% equities*; 25.3% $US, 0.0% EUR, 0.4% GBP, 0.0% AUD, 0.4% Yen and 6.3% Other
*Net exposure to equities

Top 10 Equity Holdings as of June 21, 2024

1.	Amazon - AMZN	Consumer Discretionary
2.	Alphabet - GOOG	Communication Services
3.	Microsoft – MFST	Information Technology
4.	Eli Lilly - LLY	Healthcare
5.	Nvidia - NVDA	Information Technology
6.	Novo Nordisk – NVO	Healthcare
7.	Meta Platforms - META	Communication Services
8.	Merck - MRK	Healthcare
9.	AstraZeneca - AZN	Healthcare
10.	Taiwan Semiconductor – TSM	Information Technology

The Exemplar Global Growth & Income Series F was -0.11% last week and is +5.39% year to date.