# EXEMPLAR GROWTH AND INCOME FUND commentary - WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2024



October 18th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 13.6% cash; 21.2% bonds; 7.8% commodities (4.4% GLD ETF/ 0.6% SLV/ 2.1% IBIT/ 0.2% UNG/ 0.5% USO) and 57.4% equities\*; 30.5% \$US

October 11th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 17.3% cash; 21.6% bonds; 8.5% commodities (4.3% GLD ETF/ 1.7% SLV/ 1.9% IBIT/ 0.3% UNG/ 0.3% USO) and 52.6% equities\*; 35.0% \$US

\*Net exposure to equities

	Last Week	Year to Date
iShares U.S. 7-10 Yr Bond ETF	+0.08%	+2.14%
iShares Core Canada Bond Index ETF	+0.50%	+3.09%
Gold (GLD ETF)	+2.44%	+31.92%
USD/CAD	+0.29%	+4.25%
ACWI (ETF)	+0.41%	+19.55%
S&P 500 (SPX ETF)	+0.40%	+22.95%
Nasdaq (QQQ ETF)	+0.22%	+21.27%
S&P/TSX (XIU ETF)	+1.48%	+20.23%
EGIF – Series FD	+0.66%	+14.03%
EGGIF – Series FD	+0.78%	+10.10%

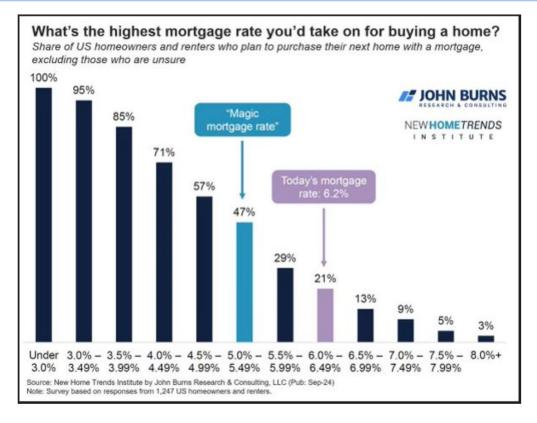
October 11, 2024 to October 18, 2024

Gold broke out and closed above \$US2700 for a new high. Silver too had a big week up 6.4%. All asset classes were up but most of the gains came Friday during Opex or Options Expiry.



The Economist has been good at being a contrary indicator. Will the U.S. continue to be the envy or is it a sign that U.S. exceptionalism is waning?

I was asked this week, what could go wrong? Many things of course but from an economic perspective, U.S. interest rates not falling fast enough. The market is pricing in a "Goldilocks" scenario of not too fast growth but also tame inflation. Our view is that inflation creeps up from here over the next three quarters. Does that derail or slow the pace of interest rate cuts? It's possible inflation is lower than our expectations and all will be good. The chart below shows where U.S. homeowners are interested in buying homes - a big driver of the economy. Home buyers would like to see 5% to 5.5% on 30yr mortgage rates. The current 30yr mortgage is 6.5%.



Source: New Home Trends Institute

The Wolfe technical analyst sees a possible retracement on 10yr yields to 4.5%. Not a good outcome for most asset prices. To counter that opinion, we have seen countries like Canada and Switzerland have inflation undershoot expectations.



Source: Wolfe Technical Analysis, Bloomberg & Factset

The U.S. election will be over on November 5th, only two weeks away.

Last week the Fund sold down some Info Technology and Materials. The Fund added more Financials and Industrials. The Fund is very active increasing and decreasing equity exposure. The Fund will tactically trade equities, either through outright sales or 'shorting'. The Fed has refocused on unemployment and doesn't wish to see the slack in employment grow. The FED has lowered interest rates by 50 bps. The Bank of Canada has made three interest rate cuts so far this year. The direction of Fed Funds and BoC rate are both lower, but the pace is uncertain. The probability of a November Fed cut is 95%. Our biggest sectors: Financials (9.9%), Energy (9.6%), Industrials (8.2%), Healthcare (5.5%) and Utilities (4.4%). I've added our Top 10 Equity Holdings below for this week.

## Top 10 Equity Holdings as of October 18, 2024

1.	Pembina Pipelines - PPL	Energy
2.	Canadian Imperial Bank - CM	Financials
3.	Royal Bank - RY	Financials
4.	Keyera Corp – KEY	Energy - Midstream
5.	National Bank - NA	Financials
6.	Chartwell Retirement – CSH-UN	REITS
7.	Manulife – MFC	Financials
8.	Bristol-Myers – BMY	Healthcare
9.	Canadian Pacific - CP	Industrials
10.	Exxon Mobil – XOM	Energy

The Exemplar Growth & Income Series FD was +0.66% last week and is +14.03% 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.

October 18th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 12.9% cash; 12.3% bonds; 8.7% commodities and 64.1% equities\*; 37.1% \$US, 5.0% GBP, 0.3% JPY and 0.5% Other

October 11th, 2024 Asset Allocation: 16.0% cash; 14.5% bonds; 9.1% commodities and 59.8% equities\*; 31.8% \$US, 0.0% EUR, 5.1% GBP, 0.3% JPY and 0.5% Other

**Energy** 

Exxon Mobil - XOM

## Top 10 Equity Holdings as of October 18, 2024

	EXXOTT WOOD ACT	Lifergy
2.	Nvidia - NVDA	Technology
3.	Meta Platforms - META	Communication Services
4.	Mastercard - MA	Financials
5.	Rolls Royce Holding – RR.L	Industrials
6.	Mitsubishi UFJ – 8306.T	Financials
7.	Eli Lilly – LLY	Healthcare
8.	Mitsui & Co. – 8031.T	Industrials
9.	Bristol-Myers - BMY	Healthcare
10.	Home Depot - HD	Consumer Discretionary

The Exemplar Global Growth & Income Series FD was +0.78% last week and is +10.10% year to date.

Thanks.

**Arrow Investment Team** 

<sup>\*</sup>Net exposure to equities

#### Historical Performance – As of September 30, 2024

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	ITD
EGIF - Series F	16.47%	1.77%	4.96%	6.52%
EGGIF – Series F	10.76%			0.35%

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