

Scotia Partners Balanced Income & Growth Portfolio

Guide to this Document

Investment Objective

The portfolio's objective is to achieve a balance of current income and long term capital appreciation, with a small bias towards capital appreciation. It invests primarily in a diversified mix of equity and income mutual funds managed by other mutual fund managers and by us.

Reasons for Investing

- ▶ A cost-effective portfolio solution that simplifies your investments through a single fund with a single price and one performance record to follow.
- ▶ Offers strategic asset allocation and multi-level diversification to reduce overall portfolio risk and maximize long-term performance.
- ▶ Direct access to some of the best mutual funds, managed by some of the top fund managers in Canada.

Risk Rating



Time Horizon Long term

Fund Essentials

Inception Date	December 2002
Total Assets \$Mil	1,355.96
Min. Initial Inv.(\$)	5,000
Min. Additional Inv.(\$)	50
Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Distribution	Annually
MER %	2.14
NAV \$ as of 02-28-2010	11.98

Class Options

Class	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	BNS347
F	No Load	CAD	BNS547

Management Company Scotia Asset Management
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Benchmark

Morningstar CAN Bal Gbl
60/40 CAD

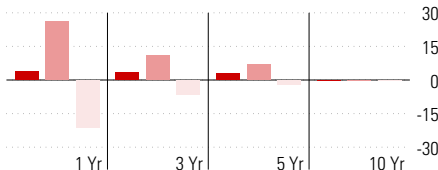
Fund Category

Global Neutral Balanced

Morningstar Rating™

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Performance Analysis as of 02-28-2010



Best/Worst Periods (%)	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Avg.	3.7	3.4	2.7	—
Best	26.2	10.9	7.0	—
Worst	-21.1	-6.6	-2.2	—
No. of Periods	75	51	27	—
% Positive	70.7	64.7	85.2	—

Trailing Returns (%)

	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Fund	0.9	0.4	4.3	26.2	-0.2	-2.4	1.6	—
Benchmark	0.2	-2.1	-0.3	13.4	0.2	-3.6	0.3	0.2
Quartile	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	—

Calendar Year Returns (%)

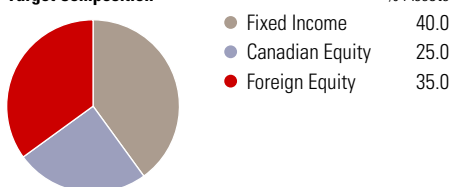
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	YTD
Fund	—	—	—	10.5	6.8	6.6	10.1	-2.3	-18.2	18.8	-0.7
Benchmark	-4.0	-4.5	-6.0	3.2	5.1	0.5	14.3	-6.5	-3.3	1.2	-0.7
Quartile	—	—	—	2	2	3	2	4	3	2	4

Distributions (\$/unit)

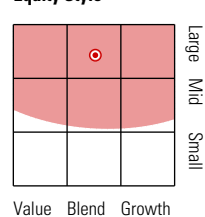
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	YTD
Total	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.13	0.06	0.41	0.29	0.07	—
Income	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.15	0.07	—
Capital Gains	—	—	—	—	0.07	0.11	0.05	0.40	0.14	—	—

Portfolio Analysis as of 01-31-2010

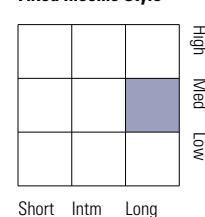
Target Composition



Equity Style



Fixed Income Style



Top 5 Sector Allocation

	% Assets
Financials	26.3
Energy	15.2
Consumer Discretionary	10.8
Industrial	10.3
Materials	8.9

Fixed Income Breakdown

	% Bond
Government Bonds	35.7
Corporate Bonds	48.8
Other Bonds	3.4
Mortgage Backed Securities	2.0
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	9.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.9

Top Holdings

	% Assets
Scotia Canadian Dividend	9.3
Scotia Canadian Income	9.0
Fidelity Canadian Bond Sr A	8.8
Templeton International Stock	7.9
Scotia Cassels Canadian Corporate Bond	6.8
Mac Sentinel Bond	6.6
CI Signature Corporate Bond	6.5
Mac Universal International Stock	4.6
CI Canadian Investment	4.4
AGF Canadian Stock	4.4
Fidelity True North Sr A	4.3
AGF Emerging Markets	4.0
CI American Value	3.9
Mac Universal Amer Gr (Unhedged) CI Sr A	3.3
Mac Sentinel Real Return Bond	2.7

Top Holdings Cont'd

	% Assets
Mutual Discovery	2.5
Mac Cundill Value Class	2.5
CI Global Small Companies	2.0
Dynamic Value Fund of Canada	2.0
Franklin Global Growth A Acc \$	2.0
Fidelity Global Real Estate Series A	1.0
Dynamic Global Real Estate Series O	1.0
Cash & Cash Equivalents	0.5
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	23
Total Number of Stock Holdings	883
Total Number of Bond Holdings	759
Total Number of Other Holdings	160
Total Number of Underlying Holdings	1802

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Portfolio Advisor Overview

Manager Bio



John Vermeer
Manager Since 2009-11-1
Scotia Asset Management

John has worked in the financial industry for over 24 years and joined Scotia Asset Management in 1996. He is currently a member of the U.S. Equity Team and is responsible for the U.S. Equity portfolio for high net worth private client investors. John has extensive investment experience in North American and international markets on behalf of mutual fund, private client, trust and institutional clients, including managing U.S. and European mutual fund portfolios.

John obtained a MBA from Queen's University and also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation.

Additional Information

You can find additional information about each fund in its annual information form, its most recently filed annual and interim financial statements, and its most recently filed annual and interim management reports of fund performance.

You can get a copy of these documents, at no charge, by calling 1 800 268-9269 for English or 1 800 387-5004 for French, or from your dealer or broker. You can also download these documents from our website at www.scotiafunds.com, or from SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Portfolio Advisor Quarterly Commentary as of 12-31-2009

Scotia Partners Balanced Income & Growth Portfolio had a return of 1.96% for the quarter versus the 1.54% return of the blended benchmark consisting of 40% DEX Universe Bond, 25% S&P/TSX Composite and 35% MSCI World indices.

The DEX Universe Bond Index posted a return of -0.16% during the quarter. Both the federal and provincial sectors underperformed, while the corporate sector outperformed as credit spreads continued to narrow over the quarter.

The S&P/TSX Composite Index returned 3.86% over the quarter, with both the materials and energy sectors

contributing positively to the index's performance. The S&P 500 Index, representing U.S equities, posted a return of 3.57% in Canadian dollar terms over the quarter, while the MSCI EAFE Index, representing international equities, posted a return of -0.16% in Canadian dollar terms over the period.

CI Global Small Companies Fund had the least positive impact on the portfolio's performance, while AGF Emerging Markets Fund had the most positive impact on the portfolio's performance during the quarter. Strong stock selection within the materials and industrials sectors contributed positively to the performance of AGF Emerging Markets Fund over the period.

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