

Scotia Selected Aggressive Growth Portfolio

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Investment Objective

The portfolio's objective is long-term capital appreciation. It invests primarily in a diversified mix of equity mutual funds, with additional stability derived from investments in income mutual funds, managed by us and by other mutual fund managers.

Reasons for Investing

- ▶ Invests in a mix of ScotiaFunds diversified by asset class, geographic region, economic sector and investment style, aiming to maximize returns while managing risk.
- ▶ Rigorous portfolio construction by an experienced team combined with regular monitoring and daily cash flow rebalancing help to ensure each portfolio stays on track.
- ▶ From creating the optimal asset mix and selecting funds, to their monitoring and rebalancing, each portfolio delivers convenience and simplicity.

Risk Rating



Time Horizon Long term

Fund Essentials

Inception Date	April 2003
Total Assets \$Mil	116.69
Min. Initial Inv.(\$)	2,500
Min. Additional Inv.(\$)	50
Income Distribution	Annually
Capital Distribution	Annually
MER %	2.50
NAV \$ as of 12-31-2011	12.17

Series Options

Series	Load Structure	Currency	Fund Code
A	No Load	CAD	BNS344
F	No Load	CAD	BNS544
Adv	Deferred Sales	CAD	BNS944
Adv	Front End	CAD	BNS744
Adv	Low Load	CAD	BNS844

Portfolio Manager Wes Mills
Scotia Asset Management

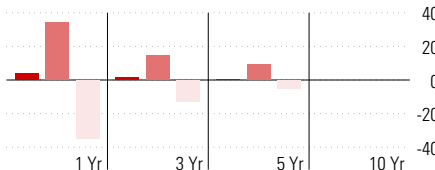
Management Company Scotia Asset Management
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Benchmark
Morningstar CAN Bal Gbl Agg
CAD

Fund Category
Global Equity Balanced

Morningstar Rating™
★★

Performance Analysis as of 12-31-2011



Best/Worst Periods (%)	1 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Avg.	4.0	1.5	0.5	—
Best	34.4	14.3	9.1	—
Worst	-35.0	-12.7	-5.3	—
No. of Periods	93	69	45	—
% Positive	72.0	46.4	46.7	—

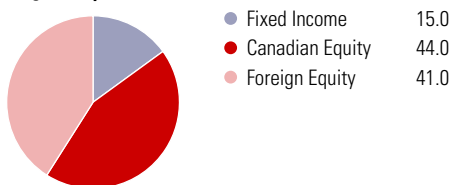
Trailing Returns (%)	1 Mth	3 Mth	6 Mth	1 Yr	2 Yr	3 Yr	5 Yr	10 Yr
Fund	-0.7	3.4	-8.1	-7.7	0.4	7.3	-3.6	—
Benchmark	0.1	4.6	-2.8	-0.7	3.7	6.7	-1.4	2.2
Quartile	3	3	4	4	4	2	4	—

Calendar Year Returns (%)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Fund	—	—	—	6.3	11.5	12.2	-1.9	-31.1	22.6	9.0	-7.7
Benchmark	-7.5	-13.3	11.3	8.4	8.9	16.7	-3.2	-20.6	12.9	8.2	-0.7
Quartile	—	—	—	3	1	3	3	4	1	2	4

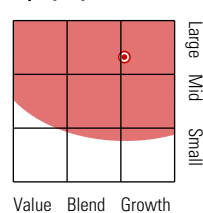
Distributions (\$/unit)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total	—	—	0.07	—	0.15	—	1.08	—	—	—	—
Income	—	—	—	—	0.05	—	—	—	—	—	—
Capital Gains	—	—	0.07	—	0.10	—	1.08	—	—	—	—

Portfolio Analysis as of 11-30-2011

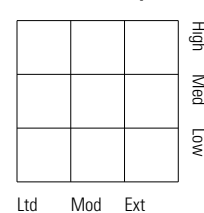
Target Composition



Equity Style



Fixed Income Style



Top Ten Holdings

Top Ten Holdings	% Assets
Scotia Canadian Dividend	17.8
Scotia Global Growth	13.6
Dynamic Small Business Series O	9.0
Scotia International Value	8.0
Scotia Canadian Growth	7.0
Dynamic Value Fund of Canada	6.3
Scotia US Value	5.4
Scotia Global Dividend	4.6
Scotia Resource	4.4
Scotia Global Opportunities	4.3
Total Number of Portfolio Holdings	19
Total Number of Stock Holdings	534
Total Number of Bond Holdings	436
Total Number of Other Holdings	54
Total Number of Underlying Holdings	1,024

Top 5 Sector Allocation

Top 5 Sector Allocation	% Assets
Financials	21.7
Energy	19.3
Industrial	12.1
Materials	11.5
Consumer Discretionary	9.0

Fixed Income Breakdown

Fixed Income Breakdown	% Bond
Government Bonds	22.0
Corporate Bonds	15.8
Other Bonds	0.4
Mortgage Backed Securities	7.6
ST Investments (Cash & Other)	54.3
Asset Backed Securities	0.0

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Portfolio Advisor Overview

Manager Bio



Wes Mills
Manager Since 2011-3-16
Scotia Asset Management

Wes Mills is Chief Investment Officer (CIO) of Scotia Asset Management (SAM). Wes joined SAM in 1993 and has been with Scotiabank for over 25 years. He is responsible for the overall investment policy for all assets managed by SAM including mutual funds, institutional accounts and private wealth management. Wes acts as the chairperson of the Investment Strategy Committee which is charged with setting the overall investment strategy for client portfolios.

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 12-31-2011

Scotia Selected Aggressive Growth Portfolio delivered a return of 3.4% for the quarter versus the 4.2% return of the blended benchmark, consisting of 45% S&P/TSX Composite, 45% MSCI World and 10% DEX Universe Bond indices.

The fourth quarter of 2011 ended with equities largely outperforming bonds, due to improving investor confidence. Positive U.S. economic news and the actions taken by European policymakers in dealing with the eurozone debt crisis were key factors in buoying the markets. Also, China's pre-emptive action to slow growth rates to sustainable levels appears to have worked, reducing concerns over rapid inflation.

The DEX Universe Bond Index returned 2.0% during the quarter. While all three major sectors delivered positive

returns, only provincial bonds outperformed the Index. With uncertainty surrounding the sustainability of the global economy, the Canadian equity market was resilient, returning 3.5% over the quarter, with six of the 10 sectors ending in positive territory. Over the period, the health care sector led the overall market, while information technology, materials, consumer discretionary and utilities posted a negative return. Global equities were also impacted by market uncertainty and the MSCI World Index ended the quarter with a gain of 5.3% (in Canadian dollars).

Scotia Global Opportunities Fund detracted from the portfolio's performance, while Scotia Canadian Dividend Fund had the largest positive impact on the portfolio's return.

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