

# Scotia Vision Aggressive 2015 Portfolio

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**Benchmark**  
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CAD

**Fund Category**  
2015 Target Date Portfolio

**Morningstar Rating™**  
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## Investment Objective

The fund's objective is to follow an asset allocation strategy that emphasizes a balanced total return. The fund will gradually shift its asset mix from an emphasis on equity funds to an emphasis on income and cash equivalent funds as its target date (2015) approaches. The fund invests primarily in a diversified mix of mutual funds managed by the fund's manager and other mutual fund managers.

## Reasons for Investing

- ▶ A managed solution based on innovative asset allocation strategies that automatically become more conservative over the life of the investment.
- ▶ A single investment that offers the convenience of one fund, one price and one performance record to follow.
- ▶ Includes leading ScotiaFunds managed by an experienced team of investment professionals.

## Risk Rating



**Time Horizon** Medium-Long term

## Fund Essentials

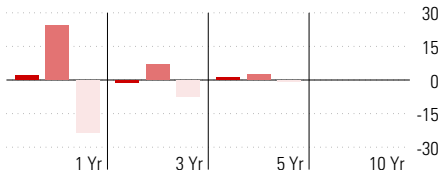
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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Inception Date           | June 2005 |
| Total Assets \$Mil       | 16.26     |
| Min. Initial Inv.(\$)    | 2,500     |
| Min. Additional Inv.(\$) | 50        |
| Income Distribution      | Annually  |
| Capital Distribution     | Annually  |
| MER %                    | 2.32      |
| NAV \$ as of 12-31-2011  | 9.92      |

## Series Options

|                   |                |                         |           |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Series            | Load Structure | Currency                | Fund Code |
| A                 | No Load        | CAD                     | BNS323    |
| Portfolio Manager |                | Wes Mills               |           |
|                   |                | Scotia Asset Management |           |

|                    |                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Management Company | Scotia Asset Management |
| Telephone          | 800 268-9269            |
| Web Site           | www.scotiafunds.com     |

## Performance Analysis as of 12-31-2011



| Best/Worst Periods (%) | 1 Yr  | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr |
|------------------------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Avg.                   | 2.2   | -0.9 | 1.1  | —     |
| Best                   | 24.5  | 7.1  | 2.3  | —     |
| Worst                  | -23.4 | -7.3 | -0.7 | —     |
| No. of Periods         | 67    | 43   | 19   | —     |
| % Positive             | 62.7  | 37.2 | 89.5 | —     |

| Trailing Returns (%) | 1 Mth | 3 Mth | 6 Mth | 1 Yr | 2 Yr | 3 Yr | 5 Yr | 10 Yr |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Fund                 | 0.1   | 1.8   | -2.7  | -2.4 | 2.4  | 6.6  | -0.7 | —     |
| Benchmark            | 0.3   | 3.2   | 0.0   | 1.7  | 4.4  | 6.1  | 1.3  | 3.6   |
| Quartile             | 4     | 2     | 4     | 4    | 4    | 2    | 4    | —     |

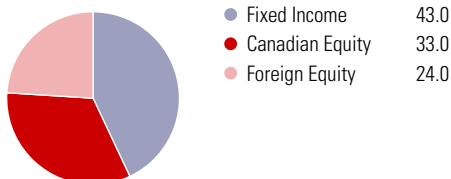
| Calendar Year Returns (%) | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008  | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Fund                      | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 10.3 | -1.7 | -19.1 | 15.6 | 7.4  | -2.4 |
| Benchmark                 | -2.2 | -5.5 | 9.2  | 7.3  | 7.5  | 11.7 | -0.1 | -10.7 | 9.7  | 7.2  | 1.7  |
| Quartile                  | —    | —    | —    | —    | —    | 1    | 4    | 4     | 1    | 2    | 4    |

## Distributions (\$/unit)

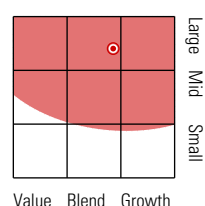
|               | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total         | —    | —    | —    | —    | 0.14 | 0.24 | 0.70 | 0.09 | 0.08 | —    | —    |
| Income        | —    | —    | —    | —    | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.08 | —    | —    |
| Capital Gains | —    | —    | —    | —    | 0.09 | 0.19 | 0.63 | —    | —    | —    | —    |

## Portfolio Analysis as of 11-30-2011

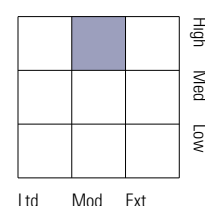
### Target Composition



### Equity Style



### Fixed Income Style



## Top Ten Holdings

|                            | % Assets |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Scotia Canadian Income     | 21.4     |
| Scotia Canadian Bond Index | 14.7     |
| Scotia Canadian Dividend   | 9.0      |
| Scotia Canadian Index      | 9.0      |
| Scotia Global Bond         | 7.8      |
| Scotia International Index | 7.0      |
| Scotia Canadian Blue Chip  | 5.2      |
| Scotia Canadian Small Cap  | 4.8      |
| Scotia US Index            | 4.3      |
| Scotia International Value | 4.1      |

## Total Number of Portfolio Holdings

| Total Number of Portfolio Holdings  | 17    |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Total Number of Stock Holdings      | 949   |
| Total Number of Bond Holdings       | 774   |
| Total Number of Other Holdings      | 160   |
| Total Number of Underlying Holdings | 1,883 |

## Top 5 Sector Allocation

|                        | % Assets |
|------------------------|----------|
| Energy                 | 21.1     |
| Financials             | 20.8     |
| Materials              | 15.8     |
| Industrial             | 10.1     |
| Information Technology | 8.8      |

## Fixed Income Breakdown

|                               | % Bond |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Government Bonds              | 56.7   |
| Corporate Bonds               | 17.5   |
| Other Bonds                   | 0.0    |
| Mortgage Backed Securities    | 1.5    |
| ST Investments (Cash & Other) | 24.4   |
| 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](http://www.scotiafunds.com), or from SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

### Portfolio Advisor Quarterly Commentary as of 12-31-2011

Scotia Vision Aggressive 2015 Portfolio delivered a return of 1.8% for the quarter versus the 3.2% return of the blended benchmark, consisting of 41% DEX Universe Bond, 30% S&P/TSX Composite, 24% MSCI World and 5% DEX 91 Day T-Bill 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 Bond 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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Fund prices are provided for information purposes only. All information pertains to Class A units of the fund unless stated otherwise.

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Important information about the fund is contained in the Simplified Prospectus, which should be read carefully before investing. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses may be associated with mutual fund investments. The performance data provided assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. There can be no assurances that the fund will be able to maintain its net asset value per unit at a constant amount or that the full amount of your investment will be returned to you. Mutual funds are not covered by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation (CDIC) or by any other government deposit insurer. Past performance may not be repeated.

Scotia Asset Management L.P., as Manager of the ScotiaFunds, may compensate its staff and any appointed sub-distributor by regular payments based on the net asset value (NAV) of units held by investors. For further details, please refer to the Simplified Prospectus.