

# **BMO Equity Growth ETF Portfolio Class Series A**

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Manager: BMO Investments Inc.

This document contains key information you should know about BMO Equity Growth ETF Portfolio Class. You can find more details in the fund's simplified prospectus. Ask your representative for a copy, contact BMO Investments Inc. at 1-800-665-7700 or mutualfunds@bmo.com or visit www.bmo.com/mutualfunds.

Before you invest in any fund, you should consider how it would work with your other investments and your tolerance for risk.

## **Quick facts**

| Fund code(s):                          | BM070493       | Fund manager:                       | BMO Investments Inc.                     |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Date series started:                   | July 12, 2010  | Portfolio manager(s):               | BMO Asset Management Inc.                |
| Total value of fund on March 31, 2021: | \$58.3 Million | Distributions: Annually in Septembe | r (any ordinary dividends) and within 60 |
| Management expense ratio (MER):        | 1.78%          | days after Sep                      | tember 30 (any capital gains dividends)  |
|  |                | Minimum investment:                 | \$500 initial, \$50 additional           |

## What does the fund invest in?

This fund's objective is to provide long-term growth by investing primarily in exchange traded funds that invest in equity securities. The fund invest up to 100% of the fund's assets in securities of underlying funds, with such funds expected to be predominantly or exclusively funds that are managed by us or one of our affiliates or associates, or invest directly in fixed income securities and cash or cash equivalents. The fund's asset mix may be changed over time to reflect the portfolio manager's long-term outlook for each asset class.

The charts below give you a snapshot of the fund's investments on March 31, 2021. The fund's investments will change.

#### Top 10 investments (March 31, 2021)

| 1.   | BMO S&P 500 Index ETF                     | 33.1% |
|------|---|-------|
| 2.   | BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF    | 25.9% |
| 3.   | BMO MSCI EAFE Index ETF                   | 20.5% |
| 4.   | BMO MSCI Emerging Markets Index ETF       | 9.4%  |
| 5.   | BMO Low Volatility US Equity ETF          | 3.8%  |
| 6.   | BMO Low Volatility Canadian Equity ETF    | 3.1%  |
| 7.   | BMO MSCI Japan Hedged to USD ETF          | 1.8%  |
| 8.   | Cash/Receivables /Payables                | 1.3%  |
| 9.   | BMO Asia High Dividend ETF                | 1.1%  |
| Tota | al percentage of top 9 investments 100.0% |       |

**Total number of investments: 8** 

## Investment mix (March 31, 2021)



# How risky is it?

The value of the fund can go down as well as up. You could lose money.

One way to gauge risk is to look at how much a fund's returns change over time. This is called "volatility".

In general, funds with higher volatility will have returns that change more over time. They typically have a greater chance of losing money and may have a greater chance of higher returns. Funds with lower volatility tend to have returns that change less over time. They typically have lower returns and may have a lower chance of losing money.

## **Risk rating**

BMO Investments Inc. has rated the volatility of this fund as **medium**.

This rating is based on how much the fund's returns have changed from year to year. It doesn't tell you how volatile the fund will be in the future. The rating can change over time. A fund with a low risk rating can still lose money.



For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect the fund's returns, see the "What are the risks of investing in a mutual fund" section of the fund's simplified prospectus.

## No guarantees

Like most mutual funds, this fund doesn't have any guarantees. You may not get back the amount of money you invest.

# How has the fund performed?

This section tells you how Series A shares of the fund have performed over the past 10 calendar years. Returns are after expenses have been deducted. These expenses reduce the series' returns.



#### Year-by-year returns

This chart shows how Series A of the fund has performed in each of the past 10 years. The series dropped in value in 2 of the 10 years. The range of returns and change from year to year can help you assess how risky the fund has been in the past. It does not tell you how the fund will perform in the future.



#### **Best and worst 3-month returns**

This table shows the best and worst returns for Series A shares of the fund in a 3-month period over the past 10 calendar years. The best and worst 3-month returns could be higher or lower in the future. Consider how much of a loss you could afford to take in a short period of time.

|              | Return | 3 months ending    | If you invested \$1,000 at the beginning of the period |
|--------------|--------|--------------------|--|
| Best return  | 13.3%  | June 30, 2020      | Your investment would rise to \$1,133                  |
| Worst return | -15.3% | September 30, 2011 | Your investment would drop to \$847                    |

## **Average return**

The annual compound return of Series A of the fund was 6.6% over the past 10 years as of March 31, 2021. If you had invested \$1,000 in this series 10 years ago, your investment would now be worth \$1,895.

## Who is this fund for?

#### Consider this fund if:

- you are investing in a non-registered account and want to invest in a fund that has the potential to share capital losses (if any) and expenses with other funds within the same corporate structure after having considered your specific tax circumstances
- you want an equity growth oriented investment with the potential for capital appreciation
- you are comfortable with medium investment risk (i.e., you are willing to accept fluctuations in the market value of your investment)
- you are purchasing through a non-registered account.

Shares of this fund are only available for purchase in non-registered accounts and are not available for purchase in registered plans, except for certain previously established Continuous Savings Plans. Switching to another class of BMO Corporate Class Inc. is no longer a tax-deferred transaction.

#### A word about tax

In general, you'll have to pay income tax on any money you make on a fund. How much you pay depends on the tax laws where you live and whether or not you hold the fund in a registered plan such as a Registered Retirement Savings Plan or a Tax-Free Savings Account.

Keep in mind that if you hold your fund in a non-registered account, fund distributions are included in your taxable income, whether you get them in cash or have them reinvested.

## How much does it cost?

The following tables show the fees and expenses you could pay to buy, own and sell Series A shares of the fund. The fees and expenses, including any commissions, can vary among series of a fund and among funds. Higher commissions can influence representatives to recommend one investment over another. Ask about other funds and investments that may be suitable for you at a lower cost.

# 1. Sales charges

You pay no sales or redemption charges to BMO Investments Inc. if you buy or redeem Series A shares of the fund.



#### 2. Fund expenses

You don't pay these expenses directly. They affect you because they reduce the returns of this series of the fund.

As of September 30, 2020, the Series A expenses of the fund were 1.85% of its value. This equals \$19 for every \$1,000 invested.

|   | Annual rate (as a % of the series' value) |
|---|---|
| Management expense ratio (MER) This is the total of the management fee (which includes trailing commission), a fixed administration fee and operating expenses for Series A shares of the fund. | 1.78%                                     |
| Trading expense ratio (TER)   | 0.070/                                    |

## Trading expense ratio (TER)

These are the fund's trading costs.

0.07%

**Fund expenses** 

1.85%

#### More about the trailing commission

The trailing commission is an ongoing commission. It is paid for as long as you own the fund. It is for the services and/or advice that your representative and/or their firm provide to you. BMO Investments Inc. pays the trailing commission to your representative's firm. It is paid from the fund's management fee and is based on the value of your investment. The rate depends on the sales charge option you choose.

No load trailing commission - 1.00% of the value of your investment each year. This equals \$10.00 each year for every \$1,000 invested.

#### 3. Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when you buy, hold, sell or switch shares of the fund.

| Fee | What you | pay |  |
|-----|----------|-----|--|
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Short-term trading fee 0% to 2% of the amount that you redeem or switch if you buy or switch and then redeem or switch shares of the fund within

30 days of purchasing or switching them. This penalty will be paid directly to the fund.

Switch fee None. However, you may have to pay a switch fee of up to 2% of the amount you switch if you invest through a

representative at a firm other than BMO Investments Inc.

## What if I change my mind?

Under securities law in some provinces and territories, you have the right to:

- withdraw from an agreement to buy mutual funds within two business days after you receive a simplified prospectus or Fund Facts documents, or
- cancel your purchase within 48 hours after you receive confirmation of the purchase.

In some provinces and territories, you also have the right to cancel a purchase, or in some jurisdictions, claim damages, if the simplified prospectus, annual information form, Fund Fact documents or financial statements contain a misrepresentation. You must act within the time limit set by the securities law in your province or territory.

For more information, see the securities law of your province or territory or ask a lawyer.

#### For more information

Contact BMO Investments Inc. or your representative for a copy of the fund's simplified prospectus and other disclosure documents. These documents and the Fund Facts make up the fund's legal documents.

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