## Equity Completion Portfolio – November 2022

## **Investment Objectives**

This portfolio is predominantly an all-equity portfolio with a close eye on capital preservation. The strategy is designed to preserve capital in difficult times and over the longer term, provide capital growth and income in the form of dividends. The long-term target asset allocation for the portfolio is 85% North American equity, 10% international equity and a small portion of cash.

## **Managers Comments**

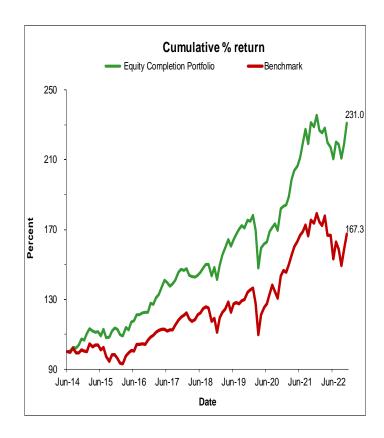
November 2022 was the second consecutive positive month for North American equity investors. The TSX jumped 5.3% and the S&P was up 5.4% (Thomson Reuters). This is seemingly driven by the combination of lower commodity prices (oil and other), inflation increasing at a lower than expected rate and China ending its Covid lockdowns – functionally restarting its economy.

While that does provide optimism going forward, there are still many concerns that can derail a rally. Looking forward, the world is facing managing debt with increased interest rates, escalating tensions between North and South Korea and economic slowdowns potentially moving the global economy into recession. Additionally, and of significant concern, is the crisis in the Ukraine. This could have a material impact on the economy of Europe, and in turn the world as European nations brace for a winter without the full energy support of Russia, its biggest supplier. While contingency plans have been made, the effectiveness of such plans will be tested. Without a perfectly executed plan, Europe's economy will be challenged and will affect the world economy.

Our messages over the past months have been about buying businesses and understating their value. November showed us the value of that discipline as one of our core holdings received a takeout offer at a 30% premium. This allows us to crystalize a gain and redeploy funds when there is still some fear around the economic future. We expect this to provide an opportunity to buy great assets at a reasonable or even depressed price.

## **Portfolio Facts**

Portfolio Manager - David Shubs
Investment Approach - Fundamental & Quantitative
Risk Profile - Medium to High
Return Objective - Capital Growth and Dividend Income
Minimum Investment - \$250,000
Portfolio Inception Date — September 2014
Base Currency — Dual, reported in Canadian
Benchmark - 5% DEX 91-day T-Bill + 50% S&P/TSX
Composite + 35% S&P 500 (CAD) + 10% MSCI EAFE (CAD)



	1 Mo	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	Since Inception
Equity Completion	5.4%	0.9%	12.7%	9.6%	11.7%	9.4%	10.5%
Benchmark	5.3%	(3.7)%	8.0%	7.6%	8.9%	6.9%	6.2%





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