

David Shubs – Equity Completion

March 2017

Investment Objective

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 75% North American equity, 20% international equity and a small portion of cash.

Manager Comments

March 2017 was a tale of 2 markets.

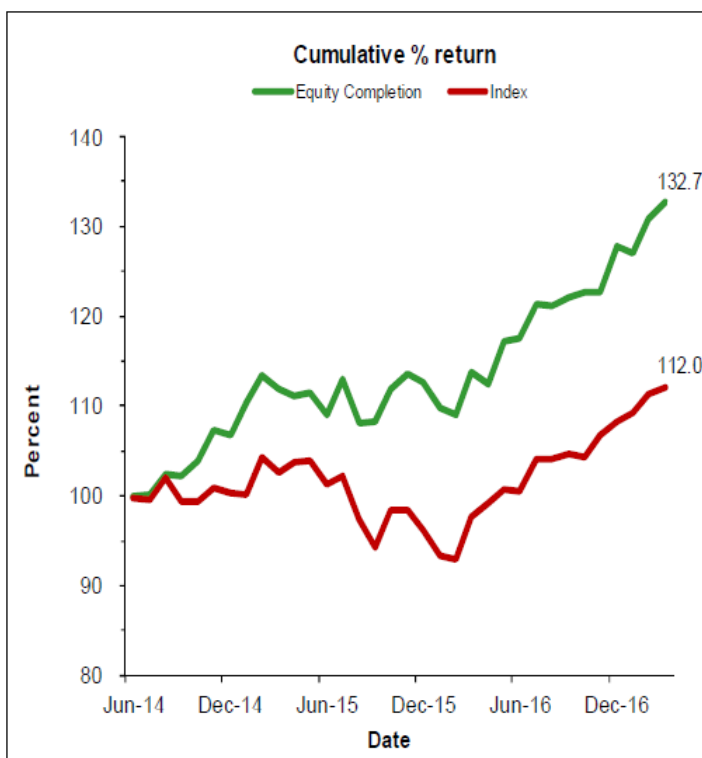
South of the border, Trump's attempt to repeal Obamacare failed. The Trump rally has been predicated on the assumption that the President would live up to his campaign promises of spending on infrastructure, removing regulations to business owners and reducing corporate and personal taxes. The failure to unite congress and repeal Obamacare led to concerns about his ability to get his other campaign promises, most pertinent being his tax package, approved. This was a major factor in the flat month for S&P 500 and 0.7% decline in the Dow Jones Industrial Average (source Thomson Reuters).

In Canada, March started with the Bank of Canada keeping interest rates at the current level. This relaxed monetary policy is further fuelling consumer spending. This assisted the increase in the TSX (1.0% overall led by consumer discretionary up 3.5% and consumer staples up 4.8% - source Thomson Reuters). While the equity markets seemed to like this, it has the capacity to extend Canadians' risk by promoting a debt fueled spending binge and increasing already frothy housing prices.

With the Trump Rally and the Canadian debt fuelled spending spree, today's prices are inflated, making it more challenging to find great investment opportunities. We are invested in what I believe to be a strong core of and holding cash on the sidelines for opportunities on either a general market or specific company pullback. I look forward to writing about new investments in the future and how our patience is paying off.

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**
 Benchmark - **5% DEX 91-day T-Bill + 50% S&P/TSX Composite + 35% S&P 500 (CAD) + 10% MSCI EAFE (CAD)**



Source: Thompson Reuters

	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Yr	2 Yr	3yr	Since Inception
Strategy	1.5%	3.8%	8.6%	16.6%	8.9%	N/A	10.8%
Benchmark	0.7%	3.5%	7.0%	14.7%	4.5%	N/A	4.2%

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