# Equity Completion Portfolio – April 2023

## **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**

The other day I asked my daughter what she was learning at school. I got a very different answer from what I was expecting. Instead of telling me her subjects, she told me about the "Habits of the Mind". I am glad she did as these habits are critical for success in any and all facets of life.

#### Persistence

Grit is determined as persistence towards a long-term goal without focusing on short term rewards. Having the foresight to buy (what I believe to be) quality businesses and the patience to allow them to grow is the only way that I know to compound money, maintain and build wealth. Looking for small wins every day and with every trade takes away from the long-term focus, shifting the goal away from long term persistence and puts the focus on each short-term success (and failure).

## **Take Responsible Risks**

There is no ability to grow wealth without engaging in some risk, as money left under a mattress is that same amount no matter how long it sits there. Growth requires funds to be invested and all investments have some level of risk. My job is to look for opportunities where we get paid appropriately for the risk being taken.

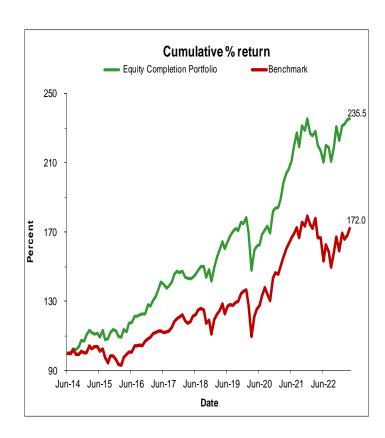
## **Manage Impulsivity**

There have been any number of occasions where our investment theses have been out of favor. Resisting the temptation to rotate out of these into the new "hot" investment is not always easy. To change a thesis requires patience and diligence. Any change requires thought and can not just be made because that is easiest path or what others are doing.

My daughter and I now focus on these habits together. I 100% buy into the fact that her success in these habits will have the greatest impact on her future success and I believe it will be critical for our investment success as well.

# **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	0.3%	7.0%	7.5%%	13.9%	9.4%	10.5%	10.2%
Benchmark	2.3%	3.1%	3.6%	12.4%	7.6%	7.8%	6.3%





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