# A Shock Absorber For Your Portfolio

BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF – July (Ticker: ZJUL) BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF – April (Ticker: ZAPR) BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF – January (Ticker: ZJAN) BMO US Equity Buffer Hedged to CAD ETF – October (Ticker: ZOCT)



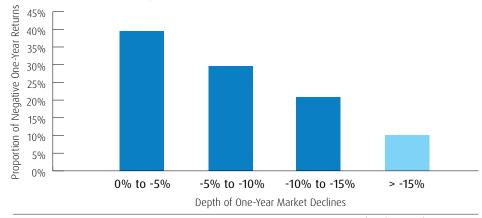
# Buffered Exposure to the S&P 500 Hedged to CAD Index

## **Find Your Comfort Level**

Worried about a market decline? Want to reduce the risk of market timing? BMO Buffer ETFs can complement or substitute your core equity positions, providing a built-in cushion on the downside while keeping you invested in broad U.S. equities.

These strategies help you participate in the upside to a pre-determined level—and if the underlying reference asset falls, you have a buffer zone to mitigate losses. Effectively, you trade in some upside for added downside protection.

### S&P 500 Index - Negative One-Year Return Frequency



#### **Overview**

Source: Bloomberg as of June 30, 2023. Past performance is not an indication of future results.

**Reference Asset:** BMO S&P 500 Hedged to CAD Index ETF (Ticker: ZUE)

Outcome Period: 12 months

**Dividends:** Participates in dividends on underlying equities

**Upside Participation:** 1:1 participation in the price return to a cap

**Buffer Protection:** ETF seeks to protect against losses in the buffered zone

**Liquidity:** Intraday liquidity

**Risk Rating:**\* Medium

 $^st$  Risk is defined as the uncertainty of return and the potential for capital loss in your investments.

# **Buffer Effectiveness**

Buffer ETFs are designed to protect capital against market declines that occur within the ETF's buffer zone, provided that assets are held to the end of the outcome period. Since 2010, 90% of the time the market is down over a one-year period, it has been down less than 15%.

### **Key Benefits**

- ✓ Invests in U.S. Equities: You earn price return of an underlying reference asset up to a cap, plus dividends¹
- ✓ Automatic Resets at the end of the outcome period with new parameters offering continued protection
- ✓ Intraday Liquidity via trading on the exchange during market hours
- Designed for Taxable Accounts: Seeks to earn capital gains and income and may also pay return of capital (ROC) distributions
- ✓ No Options Expertise Required: Traditional ETF that trades on the exchange
- ✓ No Upfront Commissions: As opposed to other structures, ETFs are ideal for fee-based and discretionary accounts
- ✓ No Use of Leverage: Outcomes generated through a mix of equities and option contracts

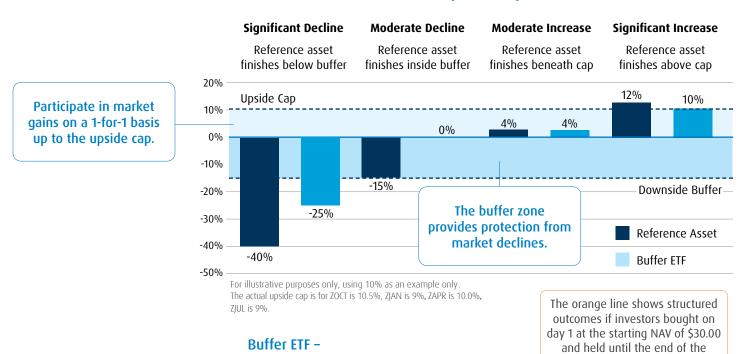
Ticker	Reference Asset	Estimated MER <sup>*</sup>	Management Fee	Buffer	Upside Cap	Outcome Period	Distribution Frequency	Buffer/Cap Reset (Annually)
ZJUL	ZUE	0.73%	0.65%	15%	9.0%	12 months	Quarterly	July
ZAPR	ZUE	0.73%	0.65%	15%	10.0%	12 months	Quarterly	April
ZJAN	ZUE	0.73%	0.65%	15%	9.0%	12 months	Quarterly	January
ZOCT	ZUE	0.73%	0.65%	15%	10.5%	12 months	Quarterly	October

As the ETFs are less than one year old, the actual Management Expense Ratio (MER) will not be known until the Fund financial statements for the current fiscal year are published. The estimated MER is an estimate only of expected Fund costs until the completion of a full fiscal year and is not guaranteed.

#### **How Buffers Work**

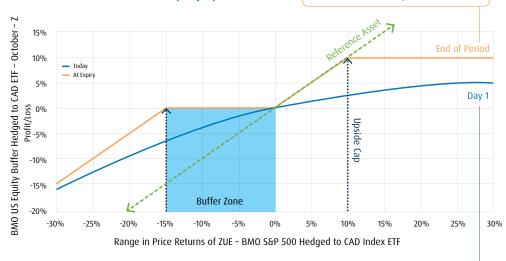
Buffer ETFs use options contracts engineered to provide a layer of protection with a cap on the market participation over the defined period. Within the period, values will depend on the market, intrinsic and time value of the options.† The buffered zone and cap on market participation is set at the beginning of the period and only applies at the end of the specified outcome period. Investors trading the ETFs during the period can experience different performance from the stated downside buffers and upside cap.

### Potential Outcomes Scenarios: Day 1 to Day 365



Intra-Period Performance (Day 1)

The chart on the right shows profit or loss of a Buffer ETF (y-axis) purchased on day 1 relative to the performance of its underlying reference asset (x-axis). In this example, investors are protected from losses when the reference asset price return is between 0% and -15%. For example, if the reference asset drops by 20%, the Buffer will absorb the first 15% and only be down 5% at the end of the period.



For illustrative purposes only.

The <u>BMO ETFs website</u> provides important information about the ETF including the Target Outcome Period start and end dates, and the cap and buffer zones, as well as information regarding the potential outcomes of the ETF on a daily basis.

The option values converges to intrinsic value. This means the blue line will move slowly to the orange line at the end of the outcome period.<sup>†</sup>

outcome period.

<sup>†</sup> Intrinsic value refers to the difference between the current price of the underlying security and the strike price in the option contract. Time value, by contrast, reflects an additional premium that investors are willing to pay for the time left on the option contract; typically, the time value of an option decreases as the contract approaches expiry.

<sup>1</sup> BMO Buffer ETFs seeks to provide income and appreciation that match the return of a Reference Index up to a cap (before fees, expenses and taxes), while providing a buffer against the first 15% (before fees, expenses and taxes) of a decrease in the Reference Index over a period of approximately one year, starting from the first business day of the stated outcome period.

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