



# BMO Canadian Banks ETF Fund

## Canadian Banks – At the Core of the Canadian Economy

Canadian banks are involved in almost every facet of the Canadian economy. They employ over a quarter million Canadians<sup>1</sup> and are the primary source of lending for Canadian businesses and individuals. They have also generally rewarded investors over the long term with better returns than the broad Canadian equity market.

### S&P/TSX Composite vs BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF



The chart illustrates the impact to an initial investment of \$10,000 dollars from July 31, 2013 to December 31, 2023 in BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF. It is not intended to reflect future returns on the investment and is a separate investment from BMO Canadian Banks ETF Fund. Both investments use the same investment strategy but may have different returns depending on the series invested in.

Source: BMO Global Asset Management as of December 31, 2023.

### Annualized Returns (%)

	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since Inception
BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF (ZEB)	10.85	11.43	10.72	9.26	10.21

Past performance is not indicative of future results.

Source: BMO Global Asset Management as of December 31, 2023.

### Dividends provide stability

Canadian banks are large, diversified companies with stable business models with consistent, reliable cash flow that is used not only to fund future growth, but also to pay dividends. The ability to pay, and grow, dividends throughout different parts of the market cycle is a key driver of their long term growth.

Canadian Bank	December 31 Price	Forward Dividend	Yield
The Toronto-Dominion Bank	85.62	4.08	4.77%
National Bank of Canada	101	4.24	4.20%
Royal Bank of Canada	134	5.52	4.12%
Bank of Montreal	131.11	6.04	4.61%
Bank of Nova Scotia	64.5	4.24	6.57%
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	63.8	3.6	5.64%

Yield is calculated by dividing annual dividend by current Price x 100 to get % yield. Data as of December 31, 2023. Source: Morningstar, BMO Global Asset Management.

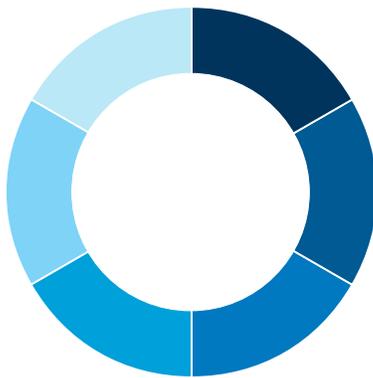


As of December 31, 2023. Annualized Distribution Yield: The most recent regular distribution, or expected distribution, (excluding additional year end distributions) annualized for frequency, divided by current NAV. Yield for illustration purposes only and subject to change without notice.

**Rising  
Inflation  
Keeping  
You Up?**

## Will investing in Canadian banks help protect against inflation?

Canadian banks generate regular cash flow through monthly fees for savings and chequing accounts, mortgages, credit cards and more. In inflationary environments, the markets tend to reward current cash flow rather than longer term potential, and Canadian banks are well positioned to benefit from this.



● Bank of Nova Scotia	16.67%
● National Bank of Canada	16.67%
● The Toronto-Dominion Bank	16.67%
● Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce	16.67%
● Bank of Montreal	16.67%
● Royal Bank of Canada	16.67%

## Fund Benefits

- Designed for investors looking for growth solutions
- Exposure to Canadian bank stocks
- Professionally managed by BMO Global Asset Management

BMO Canadian Banks ETF Fund uses the same investment strategy as BMO Equal Weight Banks Index ETF. The portfolio holdings are target weights for illustration purposes only and subject to change without notice. Holdings are rebalanced semi-annually in March and September of each year. They are not recommendations to buy or sell any particular security.

## Fund Codes

Series	Fund Code	MER
Advisor Series	BM099262	1.41%
T6	BM034262	1.41%
Series F	BM095262	0.28%
F6	BM036262	0.28%



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<sup>1</sup> Source: Canadian Banking Association, November 2022 – <https://cba.ca/cba-today>

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