BMO Global Asset Management

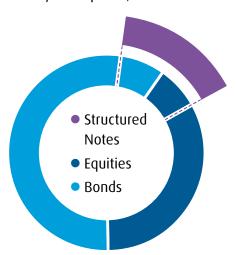
BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund

Missing Piece Between Equity and Fixed Income

Income Generation with Structured Outcomes¹

STRUCTURED NOTES: A COMPLEMENT TO THE 60/40 PORTFOLIO?

The diversification powers of the traditional 60/40 balanced portfolio came under scrutiny in 2022, as global monetary tightening saw both equities and fixed income underperform and become highly correlated. Structured notes are hybrid securities whose returns are linked to some reference asset, such as an equity index. They allow holders to customize potential outcomes and risk/return profile, and can be a valuable addition to stabilize portfolios in volatile times.



IMPROVE RISK-ADJUSTED RETURNS

- Structured notes are built for return diversification from traditional asset classes
- Above-average income and contingent downside protection can help optimize risk-reward trade-off

BMO STRATEGIC EQUITY YIELD FUND 6 7% A Series Target Yield^{2,3}



BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund seeks to replicate the outcome of an actively managed portfolio of diversified autocallable notes offered by Canadian and international issuers through the use of derivatives or structured products. Autocallable notes are a subset of structured notes that seek to provide enhanced yield plus contingent downside protection⁴.



Structured Notes generally have a higher level of monthly cashflow as compared to traditional fixed income investments. Source: Halo Investing, "Structured Notes 101 - Infographic," Halo Journal, August 31, 2022.



PROCESS

Top-downFundamental Research

Macroeconomic trends, Central Bank Policies, Interest Rate Forecasts Bottom-up Analysis

Financial statement analysis, security screening (i.e. Volatility and dividend sustainability) Active Portfolio Management

> Technical indicators, derivative hedging⁸, valueat-risk analysis⁹

KEY BENEFITS FOR...

CURRENT NOTE HOLDERS

Steadier cash flow than underlying notes

Low maintenance: eliminates line item fatigue from life cycle management of notes

Access to multiple dealers

Simple redemption process

Institutional currency hedging¹⁰

Professional management

High liquidity

Low purchase minimums

NON-NOTE HOLDERS

Higher potential cash flow than traditional investment products

Protection against moderate reference asset depreciation

Diversification in potential payoffs vs. broad financial markets

CODES MER

Series	Code	MER(%)*
A Series	290	1.64

^{*} Unaudited Management Expense Ratios (MERs) are as of January 31, 2025.

- ¹ Structured Outcomes: a family of solutions designed to enhance predictability to an investor's results. Generally, they include a customizable risk-return profile through enhanced upsides and/or downside protection.
- ² BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund Performance (A Series): -2.83% (3mo), -2.99% (6mo), 2.24% (1yr), 1.58% (Since Inception, June 16, 2023). Source: Morning-star, as of April 30, 2025.
- ³ Estimated Distribution Yield was calculated by using the expected annualized distribution yield (which may be based on income, dividends, return of capital and option premiums as applicable) of the underlying portfolio and excluding any capital gains from portfolio turnover, less expenses. The distribution rate is based on the starting NAV of \$10. Distribution yield is not an indicator of overall performance and will change based on market conditions, NAV fluctuations, and is not quaranteed.
- ⁴ The autocallable note exposure in the fund is currently obtained through the use of total returns swaps with different dealers, which replicate the exposure of a portfolio of autocallable notes.
- ⁵ Through a network of multiple dealers, the fund is able to pursue more competitive pricing for financial instruments versus dealing with a single counterparty.
- ⁶ Contingent buffered protection: the note provides principal protection at or above a principal protection level. Below the principal protection level, the note begins experiencing a loss. The loss profile is always less than the underlying reference asset's loss.
- All investments involve risk. The value of a Mutual Fund can go down as well as up and you could lose money. The risk of a Mutual Fund is rated based on the volatility of the Mutual Fund's returns using the standardized risk classification methodology mandated by the Canadian Securities Administrators. Historical volatility doesn't tell you how volatile a Mutual Fund will be in the future. A Mutual Fund with a risk rating of "low" can still lose money. For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect a Mutual Fund's returns, see the BMO Mutual Fund's simplified prospectus.
- ⁸ Derivative hedging: Involves using financial contracts to reduce potential losses from an existing investment.
- 9 Value-at-risk analysis: Estimates the maximum potential loss of an investment over a specific timeframe with a given level of confidence. It helps quantify the risk of loss in a portfolio.
- ¹⁰Institutional Currency Hedging: the management team hedges offsets currency exposure in the underlying assets through forward agreements with counterparties.

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