

Investment Analysis





Executive Summary

With the new changes to Client Focused Reforms (CFR), BMO aims to support Registered Individuals with information about the recommended securities and tools to help address the Know Your Product (KYP) and Suitability expectations and guidelines. With consideration to understanding client-investment suitability, Registered Individuals must be able to demonstrate their assessment and understanding of a reasonable range of alternative securities made available through the firm.

To make a suitability determination, Registered Individuals need to take reasonable steps to understand the securities that they purchase, sell, or recommend for a client, including the initial and ongoing costs associated with acquiring and holding each security, the security's structure, features, and risks, and the impact of the action on their clients' accounts, including liquidity, concentration, and the actual and potential impact of costs on the client's return. Registered Individuals also must obtain approval from the firm to offer the security to their client.

In addition to putting their clients' interests first, the ability to meet the KYP requirements is pertinent to making a suitability determination. The Registered Individual must provide a reasonable range of alternative actions available at the time of determination. This refers to a suitable range of comparable securities that are available through the firm that fall within a similar risk level, suitability, and category when compared to a client's risk profile. Once these requirements are met, the Registered Individual may then present this recommendation to their client.

Completion of all the above KYP requirements should be recorded in a format that can be readily provided to regulating bodies upon request to ensure that adequate steps were taken. With the following presentation and checklist, it can help evidence that KYP obligations have been completed in order to conduct a suitability determination.



KYP Checklist



Has the security been approved by the firm to be made available to the client?



Have reasonable steps been taken by the Registered Individual to understand the securities to enable a suitability determination?



Has the risk rating of the recommendation and the impact of the action on the client's account been evaluated?



Has a reasonable range of alternative products been reviewed within the comparison at the time of the suitability determination?

Commentary

BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Fund has a Medium risk rating and is built for investors looking for pure exposure to blue chip European dividend paying companies. The covered call writing provides additional yield on a monthly basis for clients looking for an enhanced level of income to fund their lifestyle needs. The overall result is a cash flow and growth strategy, based on a variety of reliable dividend paying sectors in Europe.

Covered Call Writing Execution:

- Calls are written on ~50% of the portfolio
- 50% of the Portfolio has long exposure to European Dividend paying companies with no upside ceiling.
- The call writing on avg. provides an additional 150-200bps of current yield.
- Calls are written 2-4% Out of The Money (OTM) and are typically: 75% 30 days out, 25% 60 days out
- No calls are written out more than 60 days allowing changes in market volatility to be captured as quickly as possible.

Relative to the included peer group the BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Fund has:

- delivered the best return over the 5-year trailing period.
- delivered strong annualized performance over 1, 3 and 5 years
- the best risk adjusted performance over the last 5 years (Sharpe ratio)
- the best upside/downside capture ratio second-lowest standard deviation over the last 5 years
- the highest distribution yield and the lowest MER at 0.73% (approx. 30%-45% less expensive than the peer group)

Summary:

The BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Fund is an attractive solution for clients looking for a Medium risk, cash flow and growth strategy that provides pure diversified exposure to European Dividend paying equities with an enhanced yield that is paid on a monthly basis.

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

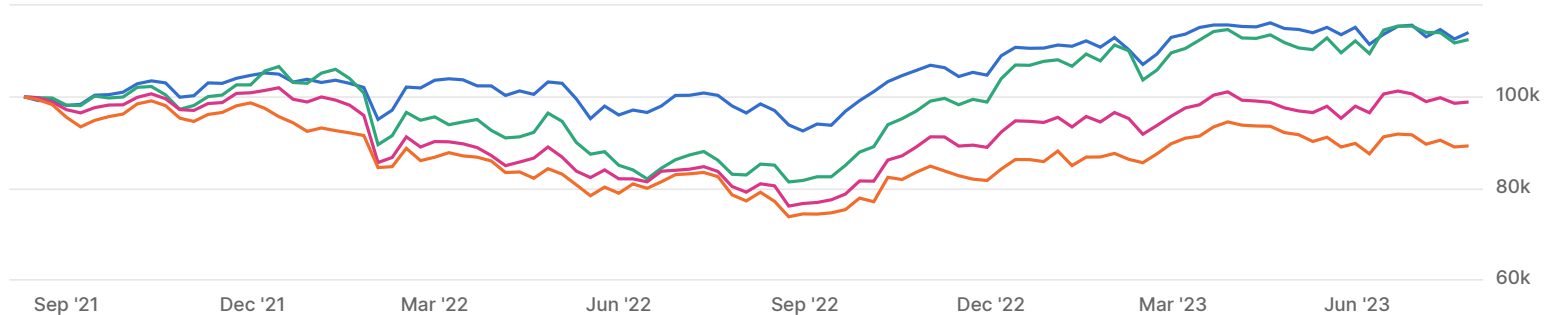


Hypothetical Return Graph

Growth of \$100,000.00

From 2018-09 to 2023-08

● BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F :	\$114,097.20	● AGF European Equity Class Series F :	\$112,552.37
● Fidelity Europe Series F :	\$98,852.45	● Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F :	\$89,218.66



Hypothetical returns are net of fees and are based on weekly performance for the period ending on 25/08/23 for ● **BMO95767**, ● **AGF855**, ● **FID628** and ● **MFC8445**. For periods greater than one year, the indicated rates of return are the average annual compound total returns as of the date indicated including changes in unit value and the reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns.

Overview

	● BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F	● AGF European Equity Class Series F	● Fidelity Europe Series F	● Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F
YTD Return	10.95%	13.03%	11.67%	8.77%
6 Month Return	8.52%	7.74%	8.16%	3.81%
1 Year Return	19.73%	32.74%	23.63%	14.92%
3 Year Return	11.20%	12.95%	5.54%	1.91%
5 Year Return	5.92%	5.83%	2.80%	3.50%
10 Year Return	N/A	4.61%	4.84%	4.75%
Beta	0.88	1.16	0.96	0.81
MER	0.73%	1.43%	1.11%	1.07%

Performance is net of fees. Performance data for period ending on 19/09/23 for ● **BMO95767**, ● **AGF855**, ● **FID628** and ● **MFC8445**. Risk data for period ending on 31/03/23 for ● **BMO95767**, ● **AGF855**, ● **FID628** and ● **MFC8445**. MER provided by Funddata for the following items: ● AGF European Equity... and ● Fidelity Europe Seri...

Asset Allocation

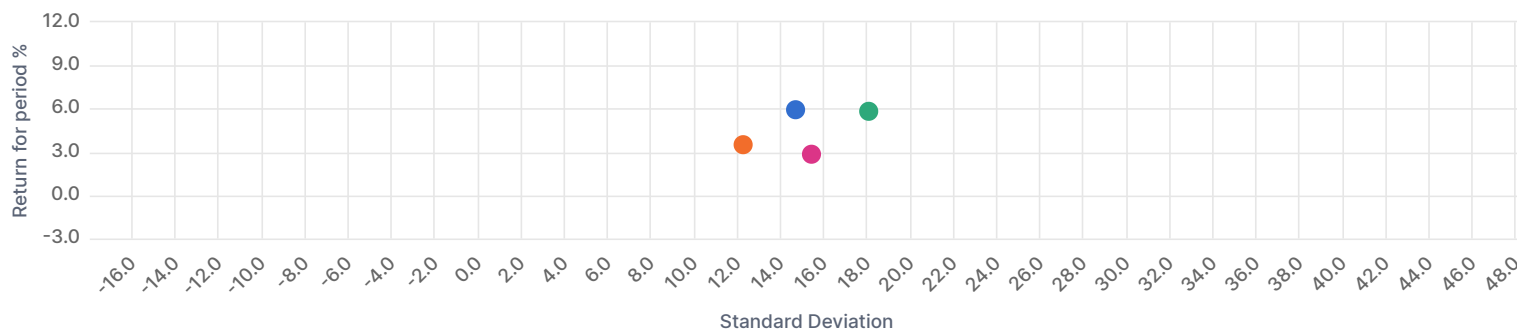
	● BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F	● AGF European Equity Class Series F	● Fidelity Europe Series F	● Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F
Fixed Income	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Cash	0.52%	2.61%	1.37%	11.35%
Canadian Equity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
United States Equity	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
International Equity	98.74%	97.39%	97.48%	88.18%
Other*	0.74%	0.00%	1.15%	0.47%

Allocations data as at 31/08/23 for ● **BMO95767** and ● **AGF855**, as at 31/07/23 for ● **FID628** and as at 30/06/23 for ● **MFC8445**. The "Other" category will also compensate for data that is currently unavailable.

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Risk / Reward Analysis (5 Years)

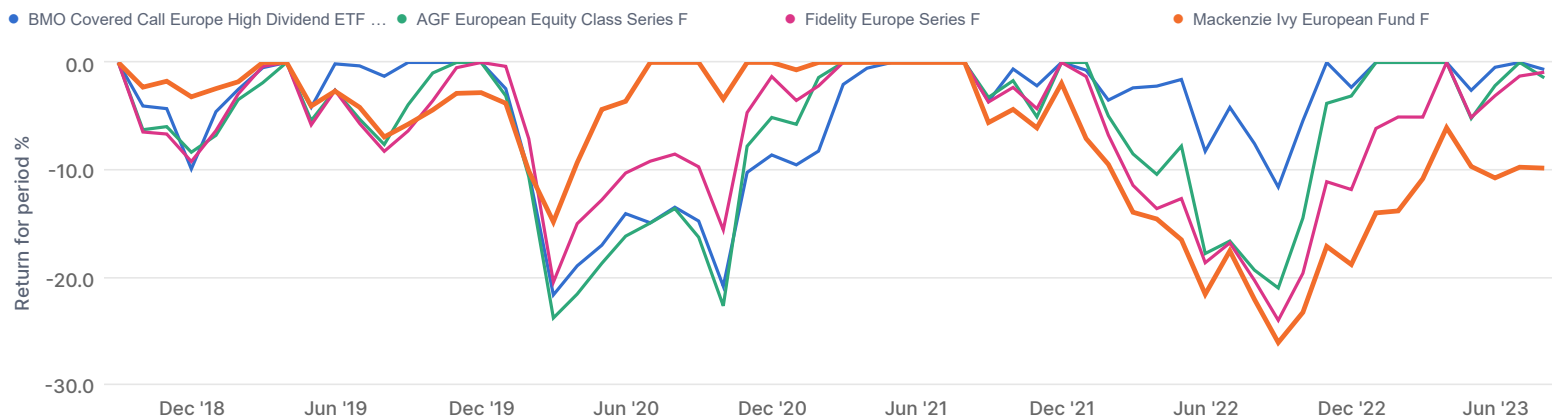
● BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ET... Std. Dev.: 14.70 | Return: 5.92%
 ● AGF European Equity Class Series F Std. Dev.: 18.09 | Return: 5.83%
 ● Fidelity Europe Series F Std. Dev.: 15.46 | Return: 2.80%
 ● Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F Std. Dev.: 12.27 | Return: 3.50%



Risk data for period ending on 31/03/23 for ● BMO95767, ● AGF855, ● FID628 and ● MFC8445. Performance is net of fees. Performance data for period ending on 19/09/23 for ● BMO95767, ● AGF855, ● FID628 and ● MFC8445.

Drawdown Analysis

From 2018-09 to 2023-08



For periods greater than one year, the indicated rates of return are the average annual compound total returns as of the date indicated including changes in unit value and the reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or other optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Drawdown data is net of fees and is based on monthly performance for the period ending on 31/08/23 for ● BMO95767, ● AGF855, ● FID628 and ● MFC8445.

Trailing Returns

	<div> <div></div> BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F </div>	<div> <div></div> AGF European Equity Class Series F </div>	<div> <div></div> Fidelity Europe Series F </div>	<div> <div></div> Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F </div>
1 Month Return	3.13%	-0.67%	0.71%	-0.23%
3 Month Return	1.25%	-0.65%	2.08%	-1.62%
6 Month Return	8.52%	7.74%	8.16%	3.81%
YTD Return	10.95%	13.03%	11.67%	8.77%
1 Year Return	19.73%	32.74%	23.63%	14.92%
2 Year Return	8.23%	6.51%	-0.25%	-5.46%
3 Year Return	11.20%	12.95%	5.54%	1.91%
4 Year Return	6.07%	7.61%	3.69%	4.28%
5 Year Return	5.92%	5.83%	2.80%	3.50%
10 Year Return	N/A	4.61%	4.84%	4.75%
Since Inception	6.89%	3.80%	3.53%	6.15%

Performance is net of fees. Performance data for period ending on 19/09/23 for BMO95767, AGF855, FID628 and MFC8445.

Calendar Year Returns (5 Years)

	<div> <div></div> <div>BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>AGF European Equity Class Series F</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>Fidelity Europe Series F</div> </div>	<div> <div></div> <div>Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F</div> </div>
2022	0.05%	-2.35%	-11.87%	-17.27%
2021	19.33%	19.53%	11.30%	11.91%
2020	-8.64%	-5.14%	-1.31%	15.77%
2019	21.35%	16.52%	16.37%	4.16%
2018	-8.62%	-11.62%	-7.63%	0.17%

Performance is net of fees.

Top 5 Equity Industry Holdings

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First	21.25% Consumer Goods	22.02% Financials	23.76% Consumer Goods	31.90% Consumer Goods
Second	18.14% Financials	17.72% Industrials	22.78% Financials	24.14% Industrials
Third	17.87% Health Care	13.37% Consumer Goods	17.48% Consumer Services	20.81% Consumer Services
Fourth	10.77% Industrials	12.51% Health Care	12.50% Health Care	8.59% Financials
Fifth	6.62% Basic Materials	9.44% Oil & Gas	11.74% Technology	7.77% Health Care

Allocations data as at 31/08/23 for **BMO95767** and **AGF855**, as at 31/07/23 for **FID628** and as at 30/06/23 for **MFC8445**.

Top 5 Country Allocations

	<div><div></div>BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F</div>	<div><div></div>AGF European Equity Class Series F</div>	<div><div></div>Fidelity Europe Series F</div>	<div><div></div>Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F</div>
First	21.91%Switzerland	23.61%France	39.13%United Kingdom	39.75%United Kingdom
Second	19.91%France	17.87%United Kingdom	15.01%France	18.23%Switzerland
Third	18.77%United Kingdom	14.87%Germany	11.73%Germany	11.82%Unidentified
Fourth	17.76%Germany	13.67%Switzerland	9.25%Switzerland	8.06%Netherlands
Fifth	5.93%Italy	9.40%Ireland	8.73%Netherlands	6.86%Ireland

Core Equity Metrics

	<div><div></div>BMO Covered Call Europe High Dividend ETF Series F</div>	<div><div></div>AGF European Equity Class Series F</div>	<div><div></div>Fidelity Europe Series F</div>	<div><div></div>Mackenzie Ivy European Fund F</div>
Equity Allocation	98.74%	97.39%	97.48%	88.18%
Price-To-Book Ratio	3.10	2.02	2.18	6.12
Price-To-Earnings Ratio	18.57	14.30	16.31	26.48
Distribution Yield	7.39%	4.84%	1.66%	0.00%
Return on Equity	N/A	13.44%	14.19%	25.67%

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Equity Style Breakdown

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Equity Style				
Value	4.22%	37.19%	17.32%	0.00%
Blend	33.90%	18.87%	35.06%	12.70%
Growth	61.88%	43.94%	47.62%	87.30%
Market Cap				
Large Cap	100.00%	96.56%	89.72%	73.59%
Mid Cap	0.00%	1.05%	9.86%	26.41%
Small Cap	0.00%	2.39%	0.42%	0.00%

Equity style provided by Fundata and is as at 31/08/23 for

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Core Risk Metrics (5 Years)

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Risk Rating	Medium	Medium to high	Medium to high	Low to medium
Beta	0.94	1.19	1.02	0.75
Standard Deviation	14.70	18.09	15.46	12.27
Sharpe Ratio	0.32	0.17	0.04	0.23
Maximum Drawdown	-21.72%	-24.76%	-24.09%	-26.17%
R-Squared	0.85	0.90	0.91	0.78
Correlation Coefficient	0.92	0.95	0.95	0.89
Upside / Downside	<div><div></div>92.5%<div></div>92.9%</div>	<div><div></div>108.9%<div></div>114.6%</div>	<div><div></div>91.7%<div></div>110.9%</div>	<div><div></div>79.8%<div></div>89.1%</div>

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Top 5 Holdings

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First	99.99% <div>BMO Europe High Divi...</div>	4.89% <div>Shell PLC ORD</div>	4.73% <div>Roche Holding AG</div>	11.35% <div>Cash and Cash Equival...</div>
Second	0.01% <div>CAD Cash</div>	4.67% <div>Novartis AG ORD</div>	4.44% <div>SAP SE ORD</div>	5.40% <div>Reckitt Benckiser Grou...</div>
Third	N/A	4.66% <div>Compagnie de Saint G...</div>	4.26% <div>Reckitt Benckiser Grou...</div>	5.21% <div>Admiral Group PLC ORD</div>
Fourth	N/A	4.62% <div>BNP Paribas SA ORD</div>	4.08% <div>Unilever PLC ORD</div>	5.19% <div>Auto Trader Group PL...</div>
Fifth	N/A	4.55% <div>Siemens AG ORD</div>	4.01% <div>Associated British Foo...</div>	5.18% <div>Heineken NV ORD</div>
Sub Total	100.00%	23.38%	21.52%	32.33%

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Glossary

Alpha

Alpha is a measure of performance. It indicates when an investment has beaten the market over a period of time.

Beta

Beta is used as a measure of volatility of an investment compared to the risk of the entire market. A score of 1 indicates the investment is as volatile as the market. Less than 1 indicates it is less volatile than the market.

Consistent Return

The Lipper Rating for Consistent Return identifies a fund that has provided relatively superior consistency and risk-adjusted returns when compared to a group of similar funds. Funds which achieve high ratings for Consistent Return may be the best fit for investors who value a fund's year-to-year consistency relative to other funds in a particular peer group.

Investors are cautioned that some peer groups are inherently more volatile than others, and even Lipper Leaders for Consistent Return in the most volatile groups may not be well suited to shorter-term goals or less risk-tolerant investors.

Information Ratio

Information Ratio measures a portfolio's return beyond the returns of a benchmark and compares it to the volatility of the returns.

Lipper Leader Scores

<http://www.lipperleaders.com/quickinfo.aspx>

Funds are ranked against their Lipper peer group classifications each month for 3-, 5-, 10-year, and overall periods. These ratings are based on an equal-weighted average of percentile ranks of the five Lipper Leaders metrics.

For each metric:

- the top 20% of funds receive a rating of '5' and are named Lipper Leaders;
- the next 20% of funds receive a rating of '4';
- the middle 20% of funds receive a rating of '3';
- the next 20% of funds receive a rating of '2';
- the lowest 20% of funds receive a rating of '1'.

Lipper Leaders provide context and perspective for making informed investment decisions but do not predict future performance.

Management Expense Ratio

Management Expense Ratio ("MER") indicates how much a fund pays in management fees, operating expenses, taxes, and potentially commissions to advisors.

Maximum Drawdown

Maximum Drawdown is the maximum compounded loss an investment incurred during a period.

Portfolio Correlation

Portfolio Correlation measures how much two investments move relative to each other. Correlation falls between -1.0 and 1.0.

Preservation

Choosing a Lipper Rating for Preservation may help to minimize downside risk relative to other fund choices in the same asset class. Investors are cautioned that equity funds have historically been more volatile than mixed-equity or fixed-income funds, and that even the Lipper Rating for Preservation in more volatile asset classes may not be well suited to shorter-term goals or less risk-tolerant investors.

R-Squared

R-squared measures what percentage of an investment's performance is caused by movements in its benchmark. R-squared values range from 0 to 100%.

Sharpe Ratio

Sharpe Ratio describes how much excess return an investment produces relative to its volatility.

Sortino Ratio

Sortino Ratio describes how much excess return an investment produces relative to its downside volatility.

Standard Deviation

Standard Deviation measures the historical volatility of an investment. It compares the variance of performance relative to its average over time.

Total Return

The Lipper Rating for Total Return denotes a fund that has provided superior total returns (income from dividends and interest as well as capital appreciation) when compared to a group of similar funds.

Tracking Error

Tracking Error is the difference between the standard deviation of a fund and its benchmark. It is used to indicate how closely a fund replicates a benchmark.

Upside/Downside Capture

Upside/Downside Capture is a measure of an investment's performance during positive and negative market periods. It's used to determine how well an investment performed during periods where market returns have been positive or negative. It's presented as a percentage.

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