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The Growth Portfolio

Portfolio Objective:

The primary objective of the Growth Focus portfolio is to invest in a portfolio of equities with an emphasis on returns earned primarily through capital appreciation. There will be risk to capital.

Investment Advisor:

The Investment Advisor is RBC Investment Management (Caribbean) Limited. The Investment Advisor provides advice on portfolio allocation, ETF selection and portfolio rebalancing.

Portfolio Strategy:

The strategy provides a diversified exposure to USD-denominated equities using Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). The selection of ETFs will be primarily equity ETFs with a strong focus on high growth sectors and companies. The equity ETFs held will include small and mid-sized companies that are expected to grow faster than average over time, albeit with a higher level of volatility than large companies. Small and medium-sized companies generally do not pay much by way of dividends and as such most of the return acheived will be via price appreciation.

Target Portfolio Allocation:



Large Cap Growth Equities
Mid Cap Growth Equities
Small Cap Growth Equities
Technology Sector
Health Care Sector
Consumer Discretionary Sector

Target Portfolio Holdings:

SPDR S&P 500 ETF	20%
Vanguard Mid-Cap Growth Index Fund ETF	20%
iShares Russel 2000 Growth ETF	20%
Vanguard Information Technology Index Fund ETF	20%
iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF	10%
Vanguard Consumer Discretionary Index Fund ETF	10%

Historical Return to Sept 30, 2023:



⁻³⁰ 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 These returns do not include fees

Who should invest? Market Outlook:

Investors seeking higher returns and those who can withstand a moderate level of risk. There is risk to capital, however, over the long-term this portfolio should outperform deposits and other shortterm instruments. It is recommended investors have an investment time horizon of at least 5 years. The U.S. Federal Reserve opted to raise interest rates in July 2023 by a further 25 bps bringing the total increases to 75 bps for 2023 thus far. Headline inflation was flat in September 2023 at 3.7% indicating that the end of the tightening cycle is within sight. What is less clear, is whether an easing cycle will commence thereafter: the data so far suggests not. With inflation still above target and labour data still robust, the expectation of "higher for longer"

Average Annualised Return:

Returns to Sept 30, 2023	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Growth	18.5%	5.3%	8.0%	11.2%
Benchmark	18.1%	4.8%	7.6%	10.9%

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The Value of a US\$100,000 Investment:



interest rates have taken hold. Q2 GDP growth was steady at 2.1% after an upwardly revised 2% in Q1. While a recession is still widely expected, it has been pushed out to 2024 and the odds have been lowered as the consumer has been quite resilient. After 3 consecutive positive quarters, the S&P 500 turned negative in Q3, down 3.65%, as investors re-evaluated the Federal Reserve's tightening path, amid strong economic data and stubborn inflation.



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