

## Wutherich & Co. April 2016 Newsletter

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### *Monthly Message*

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The Wutherich & Co. Composite was up 3.6% in April. This compares with the S&P 500 (US\$) up 0.4%, the DJIA (US\$) up 0.6%, the NASDAQ (US\$) down 1.9%, the S&P/TSX up 3.7%, while the BMO Small Cap Index was up 10.1%.

Resources again! Energy and Materials stocks are driving the Canadian market, especially the small caps. While we have exposure here, we have far less than the overall Canadian market. Investors are mining returns in the same veins where they lost them in the first place. Our portfolio is far broader. Most resource stocks depend on factors completely outside of their control which makes predicting their results very difficult. While we do look at many names in the space, we prefer to spend our time and money on companies where management decisions largely determine results. Many of these companies have the ability to grow for many years to come, in good times and bad, regardless of what commodity prices are doing.

Hence, we have a large weighting in Canadian Industrials, a grab bag of different and unrelated companies. Many of these are special situations that offer unique opportunities for growth for years, if not decades. Because many of these companies do not fit the mold of large, well-recognized sectors, they frequently get ignored and mispriced, giving us the opportunity to buy them cheaply.

*The following table illustrates the performance of the Wutherich & Co. Composite to the present:*

(Unaudited, since Sep.30/01)\*

|                            | <u>MONTH</u> | <u>1YR</u> | <u>3YR</u> | <u>5YR</u> | <u>10YR</u> | <u>INCEPTION</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| <u>WUTHERICH &amp; CO.</u> | 3.6%         | -11.2%     | 1.0%       | 5.6%       | 6.1%        | 12.0%            |
| <u>BMOSCI-WTD</u>          | 10.1%        | -2.6%      | 4.5%       | -1.4%      | 2.4%        | 8.7%             |
| <u>S&amp;P/TSX</u>         | 3.7%         | -5.4%      | 7.0%       | 3.0%       | 4.3%        | 7.7%             |

# Wutherich & Co. Factsheet

## Company Objective

Our goal is to seek prosperity for our clients through participation in stable, growing companies in North America, led by strong management teams that we consider our partners for the next five or more years.

## Investment Philosophy

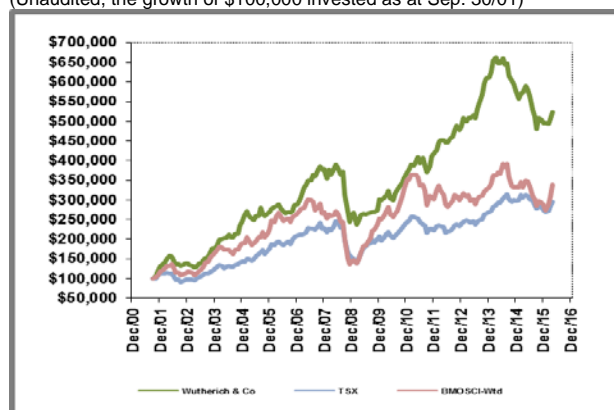
Our style can be described as concentrated, disciplined, long-term growth stock investing. The focus is on established companies that generally have a demonstrated track record in revenue, cash flow or earnings per share growth, with strong managements and solid balance sheets. The current emphasis in the portfolio is on the equity of small to medium capitalization companies, defined roughly as \$50 million to \$5 billion in market capitalization. The portfolio may include large capitalization companies if the right elements are there. Stocks are bought with a keen eye to valuation, so you're not likely to find many high multiple stocks here. The portfolio will likely maintain a significant percentage in foreign securities, providing exposure to investment returns outside of Canada.

## Portfolio Composition

|                          |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| <b>CANADIAN STOCKS</b>   | <b>68.76%</b> |
| • ENERGY                 | 9.75%         |
| • FINANCIALS             | 6.83%         |
| • INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 0%            |
| • COMMUNICATIONS AND     | 0%            |
| • CONSUMER               | 0%            |
| • HEALTHCARE             | 6.83%         |
| • INDUSTRIALS            | 36.92%        |
| • MATERIALS              | 8.44%         |
| • TELECOM                | 0%            |
| • TRANSPORTATION         | 0%            |
| • UTILITIES              | 0%            |
| <b>U.S. STOCKS</b>       | <b>18.72%</b> |
| • INDUSTRIALS            | 8.72%         |
| • SPECIALTY RETAILERS    | 5.64%         |
| • ENERGY                 | 4.36%         |
| <b>CASH AND OTHERS</b>   | <b>12.52%</b> |

## Performance

(Unaudited, the growth of \$100,000 invested as at Sep. 30/01)\*



## Your account with us

Wutherich & Company is an independent investment counsellor. We do not hold assets for our clients, but simply exercise trades over your account as per an agreed upon investment policy statement and portfolio management agreement. Your account is held at [National Bank Correspondent Network](#) in your name. Withdrawals from that account can only be sent to you at your designated bank account and/or address of record. Wutherich & Co. may also do withdrawals from your account to satisfy any fees that may apply to your account. All accounts are cash accounts. Unlike hedge funds, we do not use leverage or derivatives to manage your money. Also, we are not a fund company – if you are a private investor with us, your account will mirror the Model Portfolio but your investments are not pooled.

## Other Facts

- Annual fees are 1.5% of assets on a quarterly basis in arrears, plus applicable taxes
- Clients qualifying for an institutional account would be charged 1.5% for the first \$1 million, 1.0% from over \$1 to 10 million and 0.5% for the next \$40 million
- Fees on any accounts over \$50 million would be subject to negotiation
- Minimum account size is \$250,000
- Investments are 100% RSP eligible

\*The Wutherich & Co. performance shown here is of a composite which combines the performance of all of the accounts managed by Wutherich & Co. that have been invested according to the Wutherich & Co. Portfolio throughout their history. These accounts vary greatly in the size of assets that they contain and whether or not fees have been deducted directly from the accounts during their history. BMO S&P 500 = BMO Small Cap Index, Total Return, weighted. This index is currently the most comparable to the Wutherich & Co. portfolio due to its average market capitalization, though it may differ greatly in its sector weightings; TSX = S&P/TSX Total Return Index. Due to its large capitalization nature and substantially different sector weightings, this index may not be considered comparable to the Wutherich & Co. Portfolio.