

Wutherich & Co. April 2024 Newsletter

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Monthly Message

The Wutherich & Co. Composite posted a 0.0% result in April versus the S&P/TSX being down 1.8%.

Markets were generally weak during April as investors sway with the ebb and flow of concerns around interest rates and geopolitics. The Wutherich & Company Composite posted somewhat better results due to the announced takeover of Hibbett Sports Inc. (HIBB-Q) by JD Sports.

We will be sad to see HIBB go after many years of ownership. We initially took a position in HIBB in November of 2001. Yes, that's over 22 years ago! Though we did not own it continuously over this period, it does give you an idea of the investment time horizon that we strive for. With HIBB likely being taken out in the coming months, we will be adding one or two new names to the portfolio. Luckily, we have several ideas, though none of them on the US side. The US stocks that we follow are often of very high quality, but of very high price. Canada gets very little respect in the financial market these days, but, right now, we find that the Canadian names we follow offer a much better balance of quality vs. price than their US peers. Stay tuned. We hope to announce some new positions in the coming months.

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>5YR</u>	<u>10YR</u>	<u>20YR</u>	<u>INCEPTION</u>
<u>WUTHERICH & CO.</u>	0.0%	28.9%	12.3%	7.2%	9.7%	12.0%
<u>S&P/TSX</u>	-1.8%	8.7%	8.9%	7.2%	8.0%	8.1%

Please note that the Wutherich & Co. Composite is reported **AFTER FEES**.

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

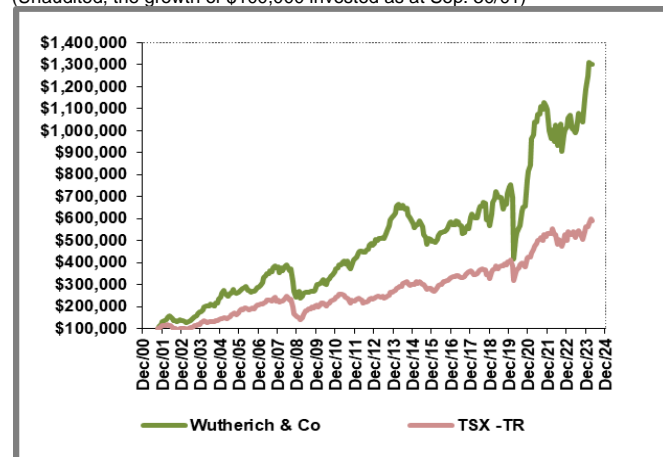
Our style can be described as concentrated, disciplined, long-term growth stock investing. The focus is on established companies that generally have a demonstrated track record in revenue, cash flow or earnings per share growth, with strong managements and solid balance sheets. The current emphasis in 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

CANADIAN STOCKS	85.15%
• ENERGY	9.09%
• FINANCIALS	26.15%
• INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	13.70%
• COMMUNICATIONS	0%
• CONSUMER	0%
• HEALTHCARE	0%
• INDUSTRIALS	27.25%
• MATERIALS	0%
• TELECOM	0%
• UTILITIES	0%
• OTHER	8.95%
U.S. STOCKS	8.45%
• CONSUMER	8.45%
CASH AND OTHER	6.40%

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 Independent 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
- Any commissions, custodial or brokerage fees are in addition to the annual fees
- 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 (using the Time Weighted Rate of Return method) 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. 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.