

Wutherich & Co. January 2025 Newsletter

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Monthly Message

For January, the Wutherich & Co. Composite was down 1.4%.

Trump Chaos 2.0 is starting to roll through the markets. For now, it is in the form of Trump Tariffs. While much of the portfolio has relatively little direct exposure to these, several of our export-oriented names will feel their effects for some time to come. The financial and market position of most of our names is very strong and should help them weather this storm. Much as we did with Covid, we will continuously assess a company's vulnerabilities. If we detect that they will not be able to cope, we will eliminate the position.

Fortunately, we start from a place where valuations in the portfolio are not stretched, which should support long-term returns. Trump's actions may also bring down the valuations of other companies that we would like to own. We are always looking for new names to add to the family. Any market disruption should help us do this at favourable prices.

As with Y2K in the late 90's, the Tech Crash of the early 2000's, the '08-'09 financial crisis, Covid, the Ukraine War and smaller crises along the way, we have always found our way through and will do so again this time.

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>	-1.4%	15.7%	13.8%	10.0%	8.9%	12.1%
<u>S&P/TSX</u>	3.5%	25.2%	11.4%	9.0%	8.3%	8.7%

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

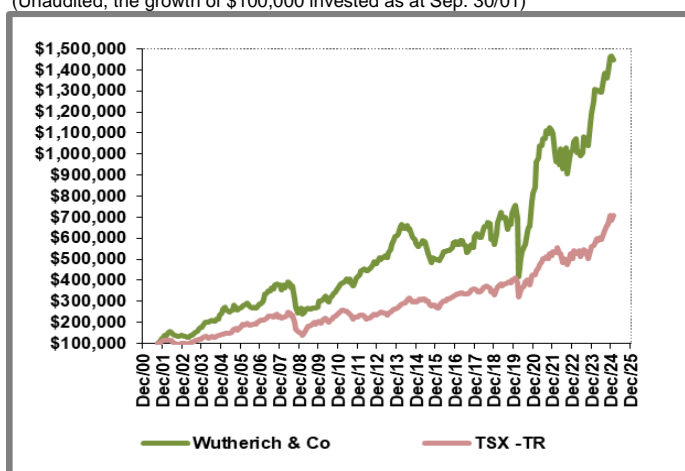
Our style can be described as concentrated, disciplined, long-term growth stock investing. The focus is on established companies that generally have a demonstrated track record in revenue, cash flow or earnings per share growth, with strong managements and solid balance sheets. The current emphasis in 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	96.05%
• ENERGY	14.46%
• FINANCIALS	29.92%
• INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	9.68%
• COMMUNICATIONS	0%
• CONSUMER	0%
• HEALTHCARE	0%
• INDUSTRIALS	33.97%
• MATERIALS	0%
• TELECOM	0%
• UTILITIES	0%
• OTHER	8.02%
U.S. STOCKS	0.0%
• CONSUMER	0.0%
CASH AND OTHER	3.95%

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 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-TR = 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. As the Wutherich & Co. portfolio does not compare directly with any known indices, we show the S&P/TSX index only as a reference for the overall Canadian stock market and should not be considered as a direct comparison to what we do.