

## Wutherich & Co. February 2025 Newsletter

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### *Monthly Message*

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For February, the Wutherich & Co. Composite was down 7.0%.

Trump Chaos 2.0 continues to weigh on our portfolio and the markets in general. Trump Tariffs and his geopolitical hijinks are creating intense uncertainty and discomfort amongst investors and the population in general. When we examine our portfolio, we find limited direct exposure to these events but the negative psychology that they generate is clearly casting a pall over these investments.

As we have done with every crisis in the past 33 years (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 go back to the fundamentals of each of our holdings. We re-evaluate the strengths of our companies' products and services, management, financials and other parameters. While some of our companies will be very sensitive to tariffs, the bulk of our portfolio looks strong and should weather this storm. Our tariff-sensitive companies often have unique products/services that would be difficult for their US customers to substitute for, giving them considerable strength in sustaining sales.

With most of our companies trading at reasonable valuations (in some cases, downright cheap valuations), we feel we have the foundation for strong long-term returns.

*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>	-7.0%	2.6%	11.7%	14.0%	8.9%	11.7%
<u>S&amp;P/TSX</u>	-0.4%	22.5%	9.7%	12.7%	8.4%	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

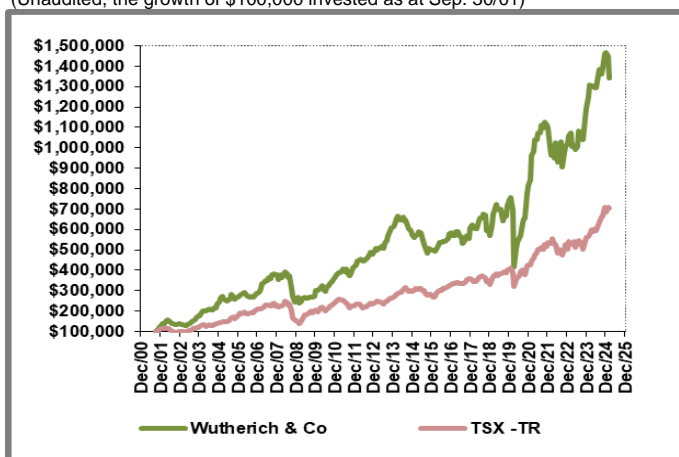
Our style can be described as concentrated, disciplined, long-term growth stock investing. The focus is on established companies that generally have a demonstrated track record in revenue, cash flow or earnings per share growth, with strong managements and solid balance sheets. The current emphasis in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

<b>CANADIAN STOCKS</b>	<b>95.20%</b>
• ENERGY	14.55%
• FINANCIALS	28.57%
• INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	9.38%
• COMMUNICATIONS	0%
• CONSUMER	0%
• HEALTHCARE	0%
• INDUSTRIALS	33.24%
• MATERIALS	0%
• TELECOM	0%
• UTILITIES	0%
• OTHER	9.46%
<b>U.S. STOCKS</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
• CONSUMER	0.0%
<b>CASH AND OTHER</b>	<b>4.80%</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 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.