

Quarterly Asset Evolution Report

Meritage Tactical ETF Portfolios



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Summary of Tactical adjustments

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Increased and new positions for the quarter

Fixed Income

- iShares Barclays 3-7 Year Treasury Bond ETF

Canadian Equity

- BMO MSCI USA High Quality Index ETF

Global Equity

- iShares Core MSCI USA High Quality Index ETF
- Vanguard FTSE Europe ETF
- Invesco S&P500 Equal Weight Index ETF

Removed positions for the quarter

Fixed Income

- Global X 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF

Global Equity

- Vanguard S&P Small-Cap Index ETF
- Franklin FTSE Japan ETF

Rationale

- In our 2025 outlook published last December, we mentioned that we could expect a lot of market volatility, but ultimately modest and similar returns between equities and bonds. Overall, this is largely what has happened since the beginning of the year, and our model suggests that this prognosis remains reasonable for the next 12 months, which is why we maintain a neutral allocation between asset classes.
- On the equity side, we are returning to our target asset allocation based on our long-term targets.
- Within US equities, we sold our exposure to small caps (VIOO) with the intention of re-evaluating them once U.S. tariff policy becomes clearer. This change was made in exchange for less volatile and better-diversified segments such as Quality (ZUQ) and the S&P 500 Equal Weight Index (RSP).
- Within the EAFE region, we sold our position in Japanese equities (FLJP) in favor of a new position in European equities (VGK), the latter benefiting from greater relative momentum.
- On the fixed income side, we are adjusting our allocation to reach our respective benchmark risk profiles.
- Within fixed income, we are slightly reducing the duration of our position in U.S. Treasuries. This change represents profit-taking following the recent fall in U.S. 10-year yields, which no longer deviate as much from our fair value model.

Please consult the Meritage [Round Table](#) and [Summary Table](#) for supplementary information.

*New position

** Removed position

	Meritage Tactical ETF Moderate Portfolio			Meritage Tactical ETF Balanced Portfolio			Meritage Tactical ETF Growth Portfolio			Meritage Tactical ETF Equity Portfolio		
	Start Q4	End Q4	Δ	Start Q4	End Q4	Δ	Start Q4	End Q4	Δ	Start Q4	End Q4	Δ
Cash	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NBI Altamira <i>CashPerformer</i> ®	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Fixed Income	58.0%	53.0%	-5.0%	43.0%	38.0%	-5.0%	28.0%	23.0%	-5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
BMO Aggregate Bond Index ETF	39.4%	36.0%	-3.4%	29.2%	25.8%	-3.4%	19.0%	15.6%	-3.4%			
BMO Corporate Bond Index ETF	4.1%	3.7%	-0.4%	3.0%	2.7%	-0.4%	2.0%	1.6%	-0.4%			
BMO Long Provincial Bond Index ETF	8.7%	8.0%	-0.7%	6.5%	5.7%	-0.8%	4.2%	3.5%	-0.7%			
Global X US 7-10 Year Treasury Bond ETF	2.9%	0.0%	-2.9%	2.2%	0.0%	-2.2%	1.4%	0.0%	-1.4%			
iShares Barclays 3-7 Year Treasury Bond ETF	2.9%	5.3%	2.4%	2.2%	3.8%	1.7%	1.4%	2.3%	0.9%			
Canadian Equity	16.4%	17.1%	0.7%	22.6%	22.8%	0.2%	28.7%	28.5%	-0.2%	41.0%	38.0%	-3.0%
BMO S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index ETF	13.6%	14.5%	0.9%	18.7%	19.4%	0.7%	23.8%	24.2%	0.4%	34.0%	32.3%	-1.7%
Bmo Msci Canada Value Index ETF	2.8%	2.6%	-0.2%	3.8%	3.4%	-0.4%	4.9%	4.3%	-0.6%	7.0%	5.7%	-1.3%
Global Equity	23.6%	27.9%	4.3%	32.5%	37.2%	4.7%	41.3%	46.5%	5.2%	59.0%	62.0%	3.0%
Schwab US Broad Market ETF	11.5%	12.0%	0.5%	15.8%	16.0%	0.2%	20.1%	20.0%	-0.1%	22.6%	20.9%	-1.7%
BMO MSCI USA High Quality Index ETF	1.6%	2.6%	0.9%	2.3%	3.4%	1.2%	2.9%	4.3%	1.4%	6.2%	8.6%	2.4%
Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF	1.6%	2.6%	0.9%	2.3%	3.4%	1.2%	2.9%	4.3%	1.4%	6.2%	8.6%	2.4%
Vanguard S&P Small- Cap 600 Index Fund	1.6%	0.0%	-1.6%	2.3%	0.0%	-2.3%	2.9%	0.0%	-2.9%	6.2%	0.0%	-6.2%
iShares Core MSCI EAFE ETF	3.8%	5.8%	1.9%	5.3%	7.7%	2.4%	6.7%	9.6%	2.9%	9.6%	12.8%	3.2%
Franklin FTSE Japan ETF	1.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	1.3%	0.0%	-1.3%	1.7%	0.0%	-1.7%	2.4%	0.0%	-2.4%
Vanguard European Stock Index Fund	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	1.9%	1.9%	0.0%	2.4%	2.4%	0.0%	3.2%	3.2%
iShares Core MSCI Emerging Markets ETF	0.7%	1.1%	0.4%	1.0%	1.4%	0.5%	1.3%	1.8%	0.5%	1.8%	2.4%	0.6%
Schwab Fundamental EM Large Company Index ETF	1.7%	2.5%	0.8%	2.3%	3.4%	1.1%	2.9%	4.2%	1.3%	4.2%	5.6%	1.4%
Alternatives	2.0%	0.0%	-2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%		



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