

# BMO's Monthly Covered Call and Enhanced Income Report

**The BMO Covered Call Strategy** strikes a balance between generating income and participating in rising markets. This approach can potentially provide exposure to the underlying portfolio with potentially less risk.

- Cash Flows are generated from option call premiums and dividend income from the underlying stocks.
- BMO writes covered calls on approximately 50% of the portfolios, allowing for participation in rising markets.
- Options are sold 1-2 months to expiry to take maximum advantage of time decay.
- Option strike prices will be set further out-of-the-money (OTM) when volatility rises. When volatility rises, option premiums increase.
- Over the long term, covered call strategies provide lower risk levels relative to their underlying portfolios.

ETF	% Covered	% Out-of-the-Money	1 <sup>st</sup> Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Month	Annualized Opt. Yield*	Dividend Yield	Indicative Yield
ZWB	49.60%	2.88%	93.14%	6.86%	0.00%	1.74%	4.00%	5.73%
ZWU	42.93%	5.29%	90.78%	9.22%	0.00%	2.72%	4.52%	7.24%
ZWA	52.12%	6.87%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.25%	1.57%	5.82%
ZWH/ZWS	51.03%	7.03%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.77%	3.03%	6.80%
ZWE/ZWP	47.50%	9.10%	66.65%	33.35%	0.00%	2.09%	4.06%	6.15%
ZWC	46.46%	4.21%	99.21%	0.79%	0.00%	3.17%	4.02%	7.19%
ZWK	51.63%	7.28%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.87%	3.21%	7.08%
ZWG	48.10%	6.83%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.21%	3.38%	6.58%
ZWT	49.59%	9.18%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.14%	0.55%	5.69%
ZWHC	50.72%	8.02%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.52%	1.94%	6.46%
ZWEN	46.49%	6.41%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.24%	4.44%	8.67%
ZPW/ZPH	71.17%	6.01%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.49%	0.00%	10.49%
ZWGD	50.00%	Long: 4.43% Short: 1.08%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	5.81%	0.00%	5.81%

ETF	Portfolio Weight*	% Covered	% Out-of-the-Money	1 <sup>st</sup> Month	2 <sup>nd</sup> Month	3 <sup>rd</sup> Month	Annualized Opt. Yield	T-Bill/Dividend Yield	Indicative Yield
ZPAY Puts	55.54%	63.20%	7.00%	94.84%	5.16%	0.00%	9.69%	0.00%	9.69%
ZPAY Calls	44.51%	16.60%	6.80%	98.56%	1.44%	0.00%	6.18%	1.11%	7.29%

Data as of July 31, 2025. Source: BMO Asset Management Inc. \*3 month trailing average.

**Annualized Option Yield:** the annualized portfolio weighted average yield of trades completed during the month.

**Call:** a call option gives the holder the right to buy a stock.

**Dividend Yield:** annualized yield generated from the underlying dividend paying companies.

**Indicative Yield:** the annualized option yield plus the forward annualized dividend yield before fees, trading costs and taxes.

**Option Premium:** it is the total amount that an investor pays the call writer for an option contract.

**% Covered:** the percentage of the portfolio that call options are written on.

**% Out-of-the-Money:** how far the strike price is set relative to the underlying stock price.

**Long % Out-of-the-Money:** how far above the current market price the strike price is for the purchased call option.

**Short % Out-of-the-Money:** how far above the current market price the strike price is for the written call option.

**Put:** a put option gives the holder the right to sell a stock.

**T-Bill Yield:** the total yield derived from the underlying treasury bills.

**Time Decay:** is a measure of the rate of decline in the value of an options contract due to the passage of time.

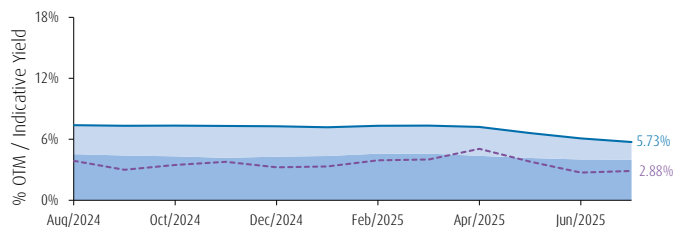
**Volatility:** measures how much the price of a security, derivative, or index fluctuates. The most commonly used measure of volatility when it comes to investment funds is standard deviation.

## Fund Spotlight

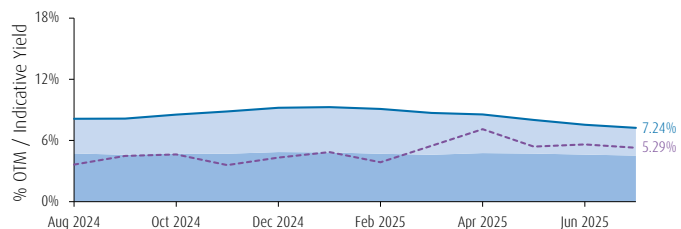
The charts below illustrate the breakdown of yield between dividend and option premium income, as well as the %OTM in order to generate the option premium yield.

■ Dividend Yield ■ Annualized Opt. Yield — % Out-of-the-Money — Indicative Yield

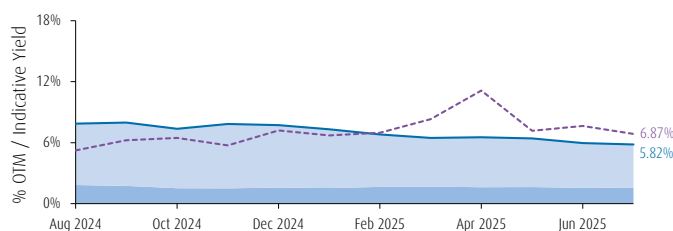
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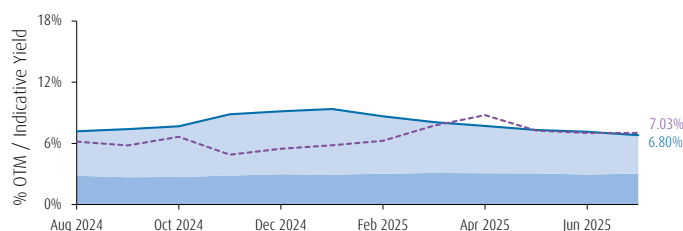
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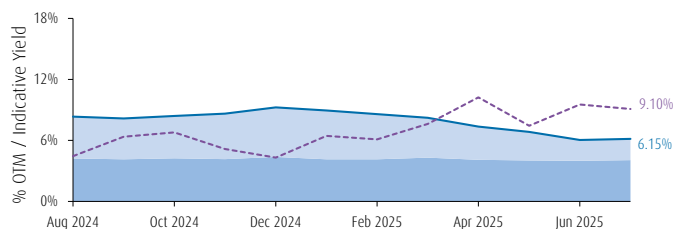
**BMO Covered Call Dow Jones Industrial Average Hedged to CAD ETF (ZWA)**



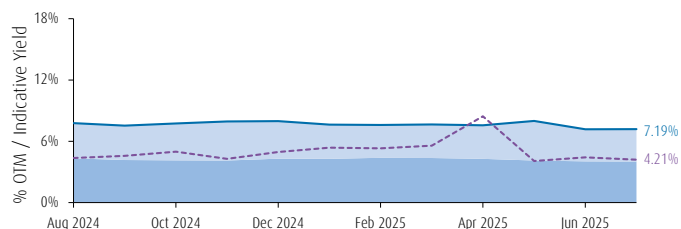
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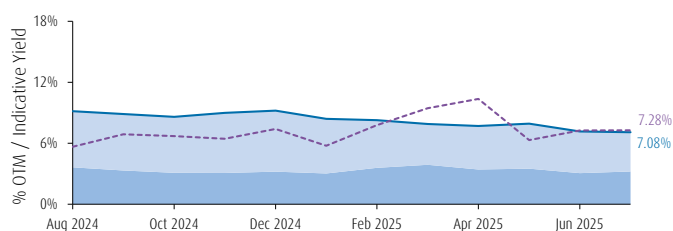
**BMO Europe High Dividend Covered Call Hedged to CAD ETF (ZWE/ZWP)**



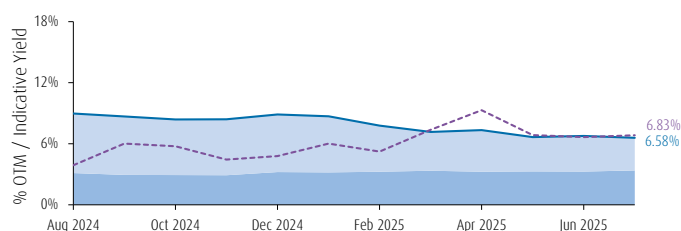
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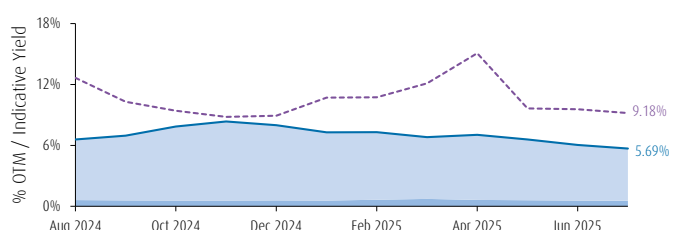
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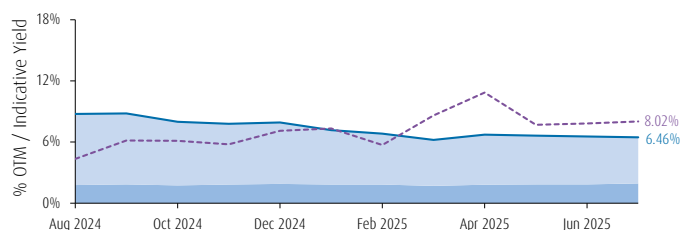
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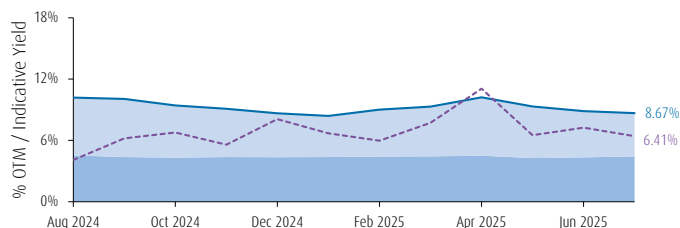
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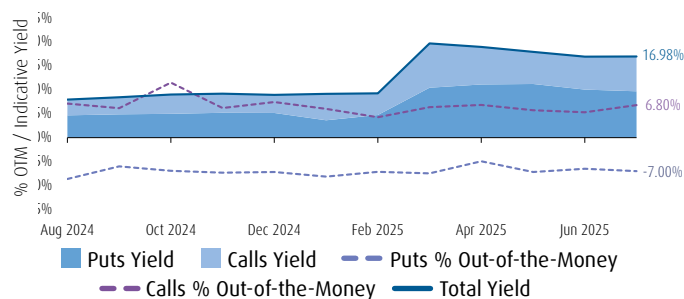
**BMO Covered Call Health Care ETF (ZWHC)**



BMO Covered Call Energy ETF (ZWEN)



BMO Premium Yield ETF (ZPAY)



## Performance

Ticker	Fund Name	Inception Date	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
ZWB	BMO Covered Call Canadian Banks ETF	2011/01/28	9.70%	23.32%	10.83%	14.24%	9.14%	8.92%
ZWU	BMO Covered Call Utilities ETF	2011/10/20	10.89%	13.54%	3.24%	6.69%	4.97%	4.99%
ZWA	BMO Covered Call Dow Jones Industrial Average Hedged to CAD ETF	2011/10/20	1.95%	5.87%	8.88%	10.21%	8.55%	9.63%
ZWH	BMO US High Dividend Covered Call ETF	2014/02/10	-0.84%	3.59%	9.81%	11.60%	8.47%	10.35%
ZWS	BMO US High Dividend Covered Call Hedged to CAD ETF	2018/03/02	1.68%	1.58%	5.81%	9.81%	—	6.18%
ZWE	BMO Europe High Dividend Covered Call Hedged to CAD ETF	2015/09/02	3.67%	2.73%	10.00%	10.39%	—	7.18%
ZWP	BMO Europe High Dividend Covered Call ETF	2018/03/02	9.16%	8.17%	15.51%	10.29%	—	6.28%
ZWC	BMO Canadian High Dividend Covered Call ETF	2017/02/03	8.79%	13.54%	8.49%	12.04%	—	6.36%
ZWK	BMO Covered Call US Banks ETF	2019/02/12	2.80%	15.18%	5.86%	12.16%	—	4.92%
ZWG	BMO Global High Dividend Covered Call ETF	2020/01/16	-0.42%	6.79%	11.57%	9.31%	—	7.84%
ZWT	BMO Covered Call Technology ETF	2021/01/20	7.96%	25.72%	34.17%	—	—	19.98%
ZWHC	BMO Covered Call Health Care ETF	2023/01/23	-7.19%	-9.62%	—	—	—	0.62%
ZWEN	BMO Covered Call Energy ETF	2023/01/23	2.32%	0.09%	—	—	—	5.78%
ZPW	BMO US Put Write ETF	2015/09/02	0.57%	8.15%	13.67%	9.11%	—	5.13%
ZPW.U	BMO US Put Write ETF (USD Units)	2015/09/02	4.33%	7.77%	10.72%	8.37%	—	4.72%
ZPH	BMO US Put Write Hedged to CAD ETF	2017/02/03	3.11%	6.09%	9.62%	7.49%	—	3.85%
ZPAY	BMO Premium Yield ETF	2020/01/15	-0.25%	6.91%	10.29%	7.42%	—	7.55%
ZPAY.F	BMO Premium Yield ETF (Hedged Units)	2020/01/15	2.30%	4.92%	6.48%	5.90%	—	5.54%
ZPAY.U	BMO Premium Yield ETF (USD Units)	2020/01/15	3.47%	6.52%	7.42%	6.69%	—	6.39%

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