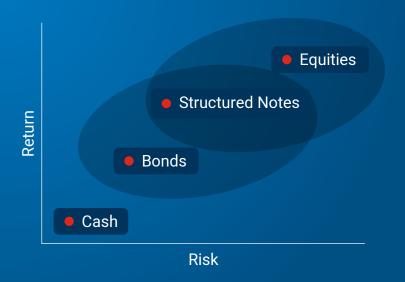
# **BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund**

The power of structured notes in a BMO Mutual Fund.

For decades, Canada's wealthiest investors have used structured notes to help meet their investment goals. Why? Because structured notes focus on defined outcomes—such as 8% yield, 10% growth, or contingent downside protection—rather than beating the benchmark.

BMO Global Asset Management is committed to expanding access with an actively managed mutual fund that replicates exposure to structured notes, starting with the **BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund**.



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## **STRUCTURED OUTCOMES**



Target yield of 8% (F Series)<sup>2,3</sup>



Higher potential returns than a balanced fund puts money to work



Lower downside capture due to contingent buffer protection



Diversification from the traditional 60/40 balanced portfolio

# **REACH FOR CASH FLOW, NOT RISK**

With the BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund, our dedicated team of structured product professionals seeks to achieve above market returns and exposure to North American and global equity markets through the use of derivatives and/or structured products.



### **HOW DO STRUCTURED NOTES WORK?**

Structured notes are hybrid investments engineered to achieve specific investment goals—in this case, income and contingent downside protection. They use bonds and a package of derivatives to generate the cash flow, an exposure we aim to replicate in the Fund.



### **PROCESS**

Top-down fundamental research
 Macroeconomic trends, central bank policies, interest rate forecasts

 Bottom-up analysis
 Financial Statement Analysis, Security Screening (i.e Volatility and Dividend Sustainability)

 Active portfolio management
 Technical indicators, derivative hedging, value-at-risk analysis

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### **MEET THE TEAM**

# We're one of the only asset managers in Canada with a dedicated team for structured products.

We have established the first in-house division for Convergence investing in Canada. Our team is composed of highly tenured professionals with a combined 100+ years of experience in capital markets.



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# STEPS TO COMPLEMENT YOUR CORE

To improve the quality and consistency of your cash flow payouts, try diversifying the traditional 60/40 portfolio in three simple steps:

 Identify the portion of your portfolio to diversify.

> E.g., If you want to hedge equity risk or, alternatively, find new ways to complement income from bonds

 Relocate the assets to replicate the returns of structured notes.

> The BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund makes this process simple and straightforward

 Improve the risk-toreturn metrics of your traditional portfolio.

> Ongoing measurement and rebalancing will help optimize the total exposure

# **CODES AND FEES**

Series	Code	MER* (%)
Advisor Series	BMO99290	1.64
Series F	BMO95290	0.51

<sup>\*</sup> Unaudited Management Expense Ratios (MERs) are as of January 31, 2025.

- <sup>1</sup> Source: Halo Investing, "Structured Notes 101 Infographic," Halo Journal, August 31, 2022.
- <sup>2</sup> BMO Strategic Equity Yield Fund Performance (F Series): 0.11% (3mo), 2.59% (6mo), 7.64% (1yr), 4.83% (Since Inception, June 16, 2023). Source: Morningstar, as of January 31, 2025. For the month indicated in the as of date, the distribution paid is multiplied by 12, divided by the month end net asset value of the fund and annualized. This excludes any additional annual distributions that may have been paid in the month.
  Past Performance is not indicative of future results.
- The Target Distribution Yield was calculated by using the annualized distribution yield (which may be based on income, dividends, return of capital and option premiums as applicable) of the underlying portfolio and excluding any capital gains from portfolio turnover, less expenses. The distribution rate is based on the starting NAV of \$10. Distribution yield is not an indicator of overall performance and will change based on market conditions, NAV fluctuations, and is not guaranteed.
- <sup>4</sup> All investments involve risk. The value of a Mutual Fund can go down as well as up and you could lose money. The risk of a Mutual Fund is rated based on the volatility of the Mutual Fund's returns using the standardized risk classification methodology mandated by the Canadian Securities Administrators. Historical volatility doesn't tell you how volatile a Mutual Fund will be in the future. A Mutual Fund with a risk rating of "low" can still lose money. For more information about the risk rating and specific risks that can affect a Mutual Fund's returns, see the BMO Mutual Fund's simplified prospectus.

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Distributions, if any, for all series of securities of a BMO Mutual Fund (other than ETF Series) are automatically reinvested in additional securities of the same series of the applicable BMO Mutual Fund, unless the securityholder elects in writing that that they prefer to receive cash distributions. For ETF Series securities of a BMO Mutual Fund, distributions, if any, may be paid in cash or reinvested automatically in additional ETF Series securities of the applicable BMO Mutual Fund and the ETF Series securities will be immediately consolidated such that the number of outstanding ETF Series securities following the distribution will equal the number of ETF Series securities outstanding prior to the distribution. If a securityholder is enrolled in a distribution reinvestment plan, distributions, if any, will be automatically reinvested in additional ETF Series securities of the applicable BMO Mutual Fund pursuant to the distribution reinvestment plan. For further information, see the distribution policy for the applicable BMO Mutual Fund in the simplified prospectus.

Commissions, trailing commissions (if applicable), management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. Please read the fund facts or simplified prospectus of the relevant mutual fund before investing. The indicated rates of return are the historical annual compounded total returns for the period indicated including changes in unit value and reinvestment of all distributions and does not take into account sales, redemption, distribution or optional charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. Mutual funds are not guaranteed, their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Distributions are not guaranteed and are subject to change and/or elimination.

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