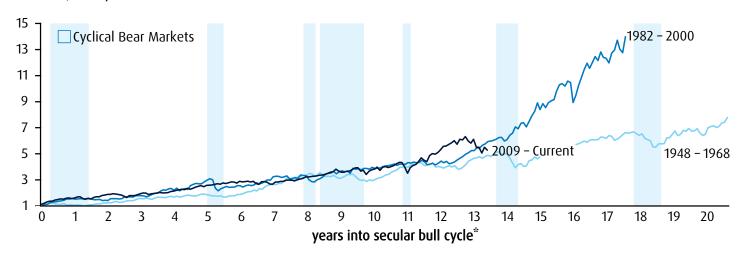


# Profit Margin Resilience on Display

### Difficult Times Require Process and Discipline.

### Normalized S&P 500 Index Price Performance of Secular Bull Markets indexed to 1; monthly data



Source: BMO Investment Strategy Group, FactSet as of August 31, 2022. Index performance in USD and is provided as a benchmark but is not illustrative of any particular investment. You cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

\*Bull market is when securities are on the rise over a sustained period of time

### Portfolio Manager - Brian Belski of BMO Capital Markets

Brian Belski – Chief Investment Strategist and leader of the Investment Strategy Group, BMO Capital Markets. Brian has a strong track record of forecasting equity markets, and is a regular resource in the business media.



**Reliable:** Brian's views are regularly sought by CNBC, Fox Business News, Bloomberg and BNN. **Experience:** More than 30 yrs. experience of investing on both Bay Street and Wall Street. **Bench Strength:** Leverages the top-ranked research of BMO Capital Markets. **Highlights:** 

- 2004: Most accurate Wall Street strategist
- ▶ 2012: US market forecast within 1 basis point
- ▶ 2014: US market forecast within 9 basis points
- ▶ 2016: Canadian market forecast within 13 basis points
- 2019: Canadian market forecast within 63 basis points

Source: BMO Capital Markets







## Robust process leveraging BMO Capital Markets Expertise



- 1. **BMO Capital Markets Corp.** Stocks can be selected from a wide universe of investments to include only high quality companies.
- 2. **Proprietary Research.** The management team conducts further research covering securities that are not covered by BMO Capital Markets in the initial step. This allows the potential for finding hidden gems to add to the portfolio.
- 3. **Macroeconomic Views & Themes.** Considering various macro scenarios, a view on the global markets is established. The portfolio manager uses a structured, intuitive and disciplined process to filter through the inputs and build a robust portfolio able to maximize the risk-return trade off in multiple scenarios.
- 4. **Systematic & Fundamental Analysis.** Finally, with the goal of outperforming the markets over the mid and long-term, the Fund employs both a systematic and fundamental bottom-up process that identifies opportunistic equities, while avoiding expensive / momentum stocks that masquerade as quality.

### Two ways to Ride the Bull with Belski

	BMO U.S. Equity Plus	BMO U.S. All Cap Equity Fund	
Ways to Ride the Bull	High Quality Names	All US, All Cap	
Market Cap focused	Large Cap	All Capitalization	
Benchmark	75% S&P 500 TR Index (C\$) and S&P 1500 Index 25% S&P/TSX Composite TR Index		
Sector Constraints	+/-10% sector weight	no sector constraints	
Country Constraints	minimum 70% US	100% US	
Number of Holdings***	50-70	60-80	

### **Fund Codes**

### **BMO U.S. Equity Plus Fund**

Series	MER (%)	Front End*	Low Load <sup>†</sup>	DSC†
Advisor Series / US\$ Advisor	2.20/2.20	BM099744/BM079744	BM098744/BM078744	BM097744/BM077744
F Series / US\$ F	0.82/0.82	BM095744/BM040744	-	-

### BMO U.S. All Cap Equity Fund

Series	MER (%)	Front End*	Low Load <sup>†</sup>	DSC <sup>†</sup>
Advisor Series / US\$ Advisor	1.98/1.98	BM099115/BM079125	-	-
F Series / US\$ F	0.85/0.85	BM095115/BM040125	-	-

<sup>\*</sup> Front End = Sales Charge † Low Load and DSC purchase options are no longer available for sale. MER as of September 30, 2021.



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