

# SCOTIABANK ALTERNATIVE MUTUAL FUND INDEX

The Scotiabank Alternative Mutual Fund Index ended February 2023 **down -0.42.%** MOM on an asset-weighted basis and **down -0.59%** MOM on an equal-weighted basis.

Our index tracks the monthly equal-weighted performance of constituents classified as Canadian Alternative Mutual Funds, as defined by National Instrument 81-102. Given the emerging nature of liquid alternatives, there is no minimum track record, or AUM, required for inclusion in the Index at this time. We are now tracking the performance of 61 funds, split between equity and credit-focused strategies and are adding new constituents as the market grows.

# Index Summary

| *Month End February 2023                                | Value     | Return<br>MoM | Return<br>YTD | Rolling<br>12 Mth | Sharpe<br>Ratio^ | Correlation<br>to S&P<br>500^ | Correlation<br>to S&P/TSX<br>60^ |
|---|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Scotiabank Alternative Mutual Fund Index Asset-Weighted | 1,093.12  | -0.42%        | 0.49%         | -2.82%            | 0.19             | 0.87                          | 0.82                             |
| Scotiabank Alternative Mutual Fund Index Equal-Weighted | 1,175.38  | -0.59%        | 0.98%         | -1.08%            | 0.48             | 0.87                          | 0.90                             |
| S&P/TSX Composite                                       | 20,221.19 | -2.63%        | 4.31%         |                   |                  |                               |                                  |
| S&P/TSX 60 Total Return                                 | 3,862.93  | -2.59%        | 4.60%         | -1.62%            |                  |                               |                                  |
| S&P 500 (CAD-adjusted)                                  | 5,418.06  | -0.12%        | 4.11%         |                   |                  |                               |                                  |
| S&P 500 Total Return (in USD)                           | 8,479.80  | -2.44%        | 3.69%         | -7.73%            |                  |                               |                                  |
| DEX 91 Day Treasury Bill Index                          | 432.54    | 0.33%         | 0.70%         |                   |                  |                               |                                  |
| DEX Universe Bond Index                                 | 1,059.46  | -1.97%        | 1.04%         |                   |                  |                               |                                  |

^Values are calculated monthly

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## Sub-Index Performance

## Alternative Equity Focused – Equal-Weighted

| _    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar   | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2023 | 2.14%  | -0.96% |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        | 1.16%  |
| 2022 | -1.70% | -0.10% | 0.82% | -1.31% | -0.61% | -2.89% | 2.00% | -0.86% | -2.38% | 2.69%  | 2.65%  | -2.78% | -4.60% |
| 2021 | 1.12%  | 3.54%  | 2.10% | 2.91%  | 0.30%  | 1.36%  | 1.55% | 1.43%  | -1.65% | 1.86%  | -0.64% | 3.06%  | 18.17% |
| 2020 | -      | -      | -     | 7.10%  | 2.37%  | 0.52%  | 3.13% | 1.60%  | -0.98% | -1.07% | 4.53%  | 2.61%  | N/A*   |

## Alternative Equity Focused – Asset-Weighted

|      | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct   | Nov   | Dec    | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| 2023 | 0.97%  | -0.83% |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |       |       |        | 0.13%  |
| 2022 | -4.22% | -0.49% | 0.43%  | -2.76% | -1.03% | -2.97% | 2.76% | -0.72% | -1.82% | 2.13% | 2.76% | -3.23% | -9.06% |
| 2021 | 0.77%  | 1.81%  | -0.56% | 2.23%  | -1.56% | 3.19%  | 1.82% | 2.18%  | -2.51% | 2.32% | 0.02% | 1.27%  | 11.38% |
| 2020 | -      | -      | -      | 3.57%  | 1.77%  | 1.12%  | 3.13% | 1.53%  | -0.42% | 0.08% | 2.35% | 2.05%  | N/A*   |

### Alternative Credit Focused – Equal-Weighted

|      | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Νον    | Dec   | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2023 | 1.81%  | -0.39% |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       | 1.41%  |
| 2022 | -1.31% | -0.96% | -0.79% | -1.88% | -0.36% | -1.83% | 1.95% | -0.42% | -1.70% | 0.10%  | 1.15%  | 0.09% | -5.87% |
| 2021 | 0.52%  | 0.15%  | 0.10%  | 0.48%  | 0.28%  | 0.70%  | 0.16% | 0.23%  | -0.11% | -0.21% | -0.36% | 0.44% | 2.42%  |
| 2020 | -      | -      | -      | 2.91%  | 1.57%  | 1.80%  | 1.72% | 0.70%  | -0.43% | -0.09% | 1.89%  | 0.55% | N/A*   |

### Alternative Credit Focused – Asset-Weighted

|      | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec   | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| 2023 | 1.92%  | -0.15% |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |       | 1.77%  |
| 2022 | -1.32% | -1.17% | -0.88% | -1.76% | -0.19% | -1.93% | 1.52% | -0.35% | -1.76% | -0.04% | 0.82%  | 0.01% | -6.89% |
| 2021 | 0.11%  | -0.23% | -0.22% | 0.56%  | 0.38%  | 0.37%  | 0.20% | 0.05%  | -0.35% | -0.35% | -0.27% | 0.39% | 0.64%  |
| 2020 | -      | -      | -      | 2.02%  | 1.13%  | 1.38%  | 1.31% | 0.77%  | -0.29% | -0.05% | 1.09%  | 0.56% | N/A*   |

#### \*2020 YTD data not available. The data for sub-indices is available from April 2020.

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# Historical Monthly Returns

### Scotiabank Alternative Mutual Fund Index - Asset-Weighted

|      | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2023 | 0.92%  | -0.42% |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        | 0.49%  |
| 2022 | -2.44% | -0.90% | -0.25% | -1.59% | -0.62% | -2.22% | 1.40% | -0.14% | -1.02% | 0.81%  | 1.55%  | -1.19% | -6.50% |
| 2021 | 0.37%  | 0.94%  | -0.47% | 1.49%  | -0.34% | 1.32%  | 0.85% | 1.16%  | -1.46% | 0.94%  | -0.14% | 0.90%  | 5.64%  |
| 2020 | 1.53%  | -1.95% | -4.32% | 2.84%  | 1.36%  | 0.63%  | 2.30% | 0.91%  | -0.59% | -0.22% | 1.60%  | 1.75%  | 4.91%  |
| 2019 | 1.01%  | 0.65%  | 0.87%  | 1.18%  | -1.79% | 0.84%  | 0.29% | 0.06%  | -0.47% | -0.13% | 1.33%  | 0.23%  | 5.33%  |

## Scotiabank Alternative Mutual Fund Index - Equal-Weighted

| _    | Jan    | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul   | Aug    | Sep    | Oct    | Nov    | Dec    | YTD    |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2023 | 1.58%  | -0.59% |        |        |        |        |       |        |        |        |        |        | 0.98%  |
| 2022 | -1.09% | -0.19% | 0.43%  | -0.88% | -0.63% | -2.17% | 1.21% | -0.42% | -1.41% | 1.19%  | 1.61%  | -0.91% | -3.30% |
| 2021 | 0.76%  | 1.60%  | 0.64%  | 1.78%  | 0.31%  | 0.76%  | 0.80% | 0.82%  | -0.95% | 0.94%  | -0.60% | 1.78%  | 8.93%  |
| 2020 | 0.49%  | -2.70% | -6.61% | 4.59%  | 1.76%  | 0.70%  | 2.49% | 0.88%  | -0.68% | -0.61% | 2.79%  | 2.19%  | 4.91%  |
| 2019 | 1.60%  | 0.69%  | 0.81%  | 0.82%  | -1.11% | 0.72%  | 0.37% | 0.13%  | -0.14% | -0.14% | 1.16%  | 0.33%  | 5.33%  |

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# Index Constituents

| Accelerate Arbitrage Fund   | Dynamic Premium Yield PLUS Fund - Series A                   | NewGen Alternative Income Fund Class F                        |
|---|--|---|
| Accelerate Enhanced Canadian Benchmark Alternative Fund             | Dynamic Real Estate & Infrastructure Income II Fund Series A | PCJ Absolute Return II Fund Series A CAD                      |
| Accelerate OneChoice Alternative Portfolio ETF                      | Dynamic Short Term Credit PLUS Fund - Series A               | Picton Mahoney Arbitrage Fund B                               |
| AGFiQ US Market Neutral Anti-Beta CAD-Hedged ETF                    | EHP Advantage Alternative Fund Class A                       | Picton Mahoney Fortified Active Extension Alternative Fund A  |
| Arrow Canadian Advantage Alternative Class A                        | EHP Advantage International Alternative Fund A               | Picton Mahoney Fortified Arbitrage Plus Alternative Fund A    |
| Arrow Capital Management, Inc. (Wavefront Global Diversified I - A) | EHP Foundation Alternative Fund Class A                      | Picton Mahoney Fortified Income Alternative Fund A            |
| Arrow EC Income Advantage Alternative Fund Class A                  | EHP Global Arbitrage Alternative Fund A                      | Picton Mahoney Fortified Long Short Alternative Fund A        |
| Arrow Global Advantage Alternative Fund Class A                     | Fidelity Global Value Long / Short Fund Share Class B        | Picton Mahoney Fortified Market Neutral Alternative Fund A    |
| CC&L Alternative Canadian Equity Fund, Series A                     | Fidelity Long / Short Alternative Fund Series F5             | Picton Mahoney Fortified Multi-Strategy Alternative Fund A    |
| CC&L Alternative Global Equity Fund, Series A                       | Fidelity Market Neutral Alternative Fund Series F            | Purpose Credit Opportunities Fund A CAD                       |
| CC&L Alternative Income Fund, Series A                              | Forge First Conservative Alternative Fund - Series A         | Purpose Diversified Real Asset Fund Series A CAD              |
| CI Alternative Investment Grade Credit Fund A                       | Forge First Long / Short Alternative Fund - Series A         | Purpose Multi Strategy Market Neutral Fund Series A CAD       |
| CI Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Strategy ETF             | Guardian Strategic Income Fund Series A                      | Russell Investments Yield Opportunities Pool F CAD            |
| CI Marret Alternative Enhanced Yield Fund Class A                   | Lysander-Canso Credit Opportunities Fund Series A            | Sunlife Opportunistic Fixed Income Private Pool Series A (FE) |
| CI Munro Alternative Global Growth Class A                          | Mackenzie Credit Absolute Return Fund Series A               | Venator Alternative Income Fund Class A                       |
| CI Munro Alternative Global Growth ETF                              | Mackenzie Global Macro Fund Series A                         | Vision Alternative Income Fund Class A                        |
| CIBC Multi-Asset Absolute Return Strategy                           | Mackenzie Multi-Strategy Absolute Return Fund Series A       | Waratah Alternative Equity Income Liquid Alt Class F          |
| Desjardins Alt Long/Short Equity Market Neutral ETF (DANC)          | Marret Alternative Absolute Return Bond Fund Class A         | Waratah Alternative ESG Liquid Alternative Fund Class F       |
| Dynamic Alpha Performance II Fund - Series A                        | Maxam Arbitrage Fund Class F                                 | YTM Capital Fixed Income Alternative Fund Series A            |
| Dynamic Credit Absolute Return II - Series A                        | Maxam Diversified Strategies Fund Class A                    |   |
| Dynamic Liquid Alternatives Private Pool - Series A                 | NBI Liquid Alternatives ETF                                  |   |

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