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## Wutherich & Co. August 2022 Newsletter

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# **Monthly Message**

The Wutherich & Co. Composite was up 2.8% in August. This compares with the S&P/TSX being down 1.6%.

Stutter Step during August? We have been talking about the Two Step in the last few Newsletters as it seems that the Wutherich Portfolio is taking two steps forward one month and two steps back the next. August should have been two steps back if this pattern held. But no, it advanced modestly. We say modestly because most of our companies have reported quarterly results in the last few weeks and for the most part, the results have been excellent, with their outlooks continuing to be strong. The response of their stock prices has been modest in comparison to the outsized gains in their operations. The disconnect is informative. Clearly, investor fears around geopolitics and the macro-economic environment are discouraging them from getting more positive about stocks, regardless of how well the companies are doing.

And now we head into September, a notoriously difficult month for stocks. Two steps back anyone? We still have plenty of cash left from the takeover of Points.com. We hope to use it to buy positions that become unduly cheap as a result of any sell-off.

The following table illustrates the performance of the Wutherich & Co. Composite to the present:

(Unaudited, since Sep.30/01)\*

	<u>MONTH</u>	1YR	<u>5YR</u>	<u>10YR</u>	<u>15YR</u>	<u>20YR</u>	<u>INCEPTION</u>
WUTHERICH & CO.	2.8%	-7.4%	13.9%	8.3%	7.2%	10.6%	11.8%
S&P/TSX	-1.6%	-3.4%	8.1%	8.1%	5.4%	8.4%	8.0%

Please note that the Wutherich & Co. Composite is reported AFTER FEES.

# Wutherich & Co. Factsheet

### Company Objective

Our goal is to seek prosperity for our clients through participation in stable, growing companies in North America, led by strong management teams that we consider our partners for the next five or more years.

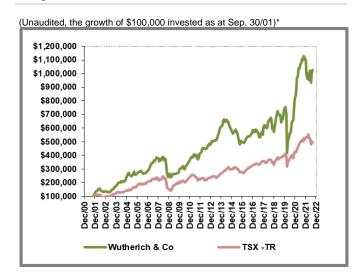
### Investment Philosophy

Our style can be described as concentrated, disciplined, long-term growth stock investing. The focus is on established companies that generally have a demonstrated track record in revenue, cash flow or earnings per share growth, with strong managements and solid balance sheets. The current emphasis in the portfolio is on the equity of small to medium capitalization companies, defined roughly as \$50 million to \$5 billion in market capitalization. The portfolio may include large capitalization companies if the right elements are there. Stocks are bought with a keen eye to valuation, so you're not likely to find many high multiple stocks here. The portfolio will likely maintain a significant percentage in foreign securities, providing exposure to investment returns outside of Canada.

### **Portfolio Composition**

CANADIAN STOCKS • ENERGY • FINANCIALS	<b>78.56%</b> 14.29% 18.18%
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY     COMMUNICATIONS     CONSUMER	9.61% 0% 4.38%
HEALTHCARE     INDUSTRIALS     MATERIALS	8.38% 15.91% 0%
• TELECOM • UTILITIES • OTHER	0% 0% 7.82%
U.S. STOCKS • CONSUMER	<b>13.04%</b> 13.04%
CASH AND OTHER	8.40%

#### **Performance**



#### Your account with us

Wutherich & Company is an independent investment counsellor. We do not hold assets for our clients, but simply exercise trades over your account as per an agreed upon investment policy statement and portfolio management agreement. Your account is held at *National Bank Independent Network* in your name. Withdrawals from that account can only be sent to you at your designated bank account and/or address of record. Wutherich & Co. may also do withdrawals from your account to satisfy any fees that may apply to your account. All accounts are cash accounts. Unlike hedge funds, we do not use leverage or derivatives to manage your money. Also, we are not a fund company – if you are a private investor with us, your account will mirror the Model Portfolio but your investments are not pooled.

#### Other Facts

- Annual fees are 1.5% of assets on a quarterly basis in arrears, plus applicable taxes
- Any commissions, custodial or brokerage fees are in addition to the annual fees
- Clients qualifying for an institutional account would be charged 1.5% for the first \$1 million, 1.0% from over \$1 to 10 million and 0.5% for the next \$40 million
- Fees on any accounts over \$50 million would be subject to negotiation
- Minimum account size is \$250,000
- Investments are 100% RSP eligible

\*The Wutherich & Co. performance shown here (using the Time Weighted Rate of Return method) is of a composite which combines the performance of all of the accounts managed by Wutherich & Co. Hortfolio throughout their history. These accounts vary greatly in the size of assets that they contain and whether or not fees have been deducted directly from the accounts during their history. TSX = S&P/TSX Total Return Index. Due to its large capitalization nature and substantially different sector weightings, this index may not be considered comparable to the Wutherich & Co. Portfolio.