

Wuthrich & Co. September 2022 Newsletter

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Monthly Message

The Wuthrich & Co. Composite was down 12.0% in September. This compares with the S&P/TSX being down 4.3%.

Definitely two steps back.

As we write this, the Wuthrich & Co. Composite is up 5.4% so far in October. Now this may change in the coming days, but we wonder how our group of companies was worth 12% less than one month prior and two days later, worth 5.4% more? Clearly, there is a tremendous amount of fear and uncertainty in financial markets creating huge price swings. Fortunately, the underlying value of our companies does not swing that much on a month-to-month basis. When we see price moves of this magnitude, we always go back to the fundamentals of our holdings. While many of our companies are facing challenges, by and large, their prospects continue to be strong. We have no difficulty owning our names as long as our analysis indicates that they are good long-term investments.

If we can set geopolitical disaster aside, admittedly a big if, we feel our portfolio presents the most compelling valuation that we have seen for a long time.

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

(Unaudited, since Sep.30/01)*

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>1YR</u>	<u>5YR</u>	<u>10YR</u>	<u>15YR</u>	<u>20YR</u>	<u>INCEPTION</u>
<u>WUTHERICH & CO.</u>	-12.0%	-17.6%	10.2%	6.6%	6.0%	10.1%	11.1%
<u>S&P/TSX</u>	-4.3%	-5.4%	6.5%	7.3%	4.9%	8.6%	7.7%

Please note that the Wuthrich & 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

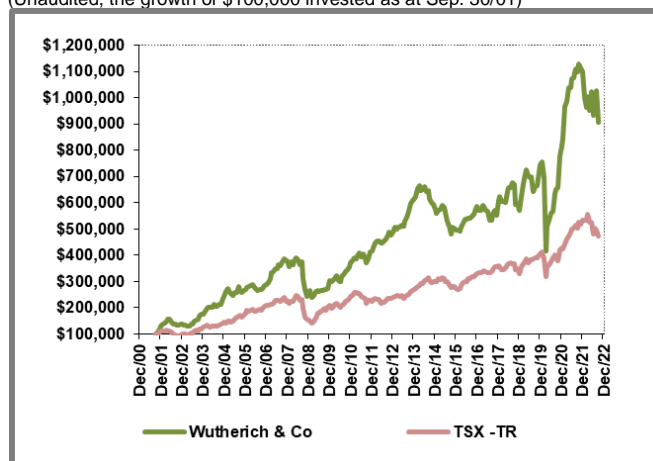
Our style can be described as concentrated, disciplined, long-term growth stock investing. The focus is on established companies that generally have a demonstrated track record in revenue, cash flow or earnings per share growth, with strong managements and solid balance sheets. The current emphasis in 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	81.59%
• ENERGY	15.78%
• FINANCIALS	18.24%
• INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	9.43%
• COMMUNICATIONS	0%
• CONSUMER	3.48%
• HEALTHCARE	8.00%
• INDUSTRIALS	18.54%
• MATERIALS	0%
• TELECOM	0%
• UTILITIES	0%
• OTHER	8.12%
U.S. STOCKS	13.12%
• CONSUMER	13.12%
CASH AND OTHER	5.29%

Performance

(Unaudited, the growth of \$100,000 invested as at Sep. 30/01)*



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. that have been invested according to the Wutherich & Co. Portfolio 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.