CIBC CAPITAL MARKETS

RBA SELECT EQUITY YIELD CIBC INDEX

Providing total returns through enhanced dividend investing

The power of collaboration

At CIBC Capital Markets, client-focused innovation is one of our core values. We know that strategic alliances are an important component of the innovation landscape, which is why we seek to collaborate with some of the brightest minds in capital markets.

In an effort to generate steady income for investors while building long-term wealth over time, we're pleased to provide an enhanced dividend investing strategy that was developed with Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA) – a prominent provider of innovative, research-driven investment solutions.

Leading research-driven macro style investing

Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA) focuses on longer-term investment strategies that combine top-down, macroeconomic analysis and quantitatively-driven portfolio construction. RBA's core strategies include global equity and multi-asset portfolios as well as rules-based thematic equity and equity-income portfolios.

Richard Bernstein is the chief executive officer and chief investment officer of Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC. In his role as CIO, Rich leads RBA's Investment Committee, which manages all of the firm's investments, and performs executive management functions as CEO.

Mr. Bernstein founded Richard Bernstein Advisors LLC (RBA) in 2009. The firm utilizes a unique top-down approach to investing, focusing on macro trends rather than individual stock selection. Mr. Bernstein has over 35 years' experience on Wall Street, most recently as the Chief Investment Strategist at Merrill Lynch & Co. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch in 1988, he held positions at E.F. Hutton and Chase Econometrics/IDC.

A much-noted expert on equity, style and asset allocation, Mr. Bernstein was voted to Institutional Investor magazine's annual "All-America Research Team" eighteen times, and is one of only fifty-seven analysts inducted into the Institutional Investor "Hall of Fame". He was also twice named to both Fortune magazine's "All-Star Analysts" and to Smart Money magazine's "Power 30", and was a member of Registered Rep's "Ten to Watch" for 2012. His book "Style Investing: Unique Insight into Equity Management" is widely viewed as the seminal book on style-oriented investment strategies. He donates the profits from that and his other book, "Navigate the Noise: Investing in the New Age of Media and Hype", to charity.

Mr. Bernstein is chair of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation endowment's Investment Committee (~$2.0 billion) and sits on the Hamilton College endowment's Investment Committee (~$1 billion); he is a trustee of both institutions. He is also a member of the Journal of Portfolio Management's Advisory Committee, a Program Reviewer for the CFA Curriculum, and former adjunct faculty of the NYU/Stern Graduate School of Business.

Rich holds an MBA in finance, with Beta Gamma Sigma distinction, from New York University, and a BA in economics from Hamilton College. He has lectured on finance and economics at numerous colleges, universities and professional forums.

Boutique coverage with big bank stability and reach

We are a leading Canadian-based global financial institution dedicated to delivering customized financial solutions that meet the unique needs and challenges of our clients across the globe.

We understand that complex financial challenges require more than a one-size fits-all approach. That's why we work with our clients to understand their requirements across a wide range of products, asset classes and geographies, and develop specialized investment solutions to effectively diversify portfolios and generate returns in an evolving market.

Commitment in action

With offices throughout North America and other major financial centres, we are widely recognized as a strong global financial institution with more than $1 trillion in assets and a market capitalization of $150.75 billion. Headquartered in Canada, we are rated A+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, Aa2 by Moody's Investor Service and AA+ by Fitch Ratings.

Our strategy

At CIBC, our goal is to deliver superior client experience and top-tier shareholder returns while maintaining our financial strength. To achieve our ambition, we are executing on three strategic priorities:

1. Focusing on key client segments to accelerate our earnings growth
2. Simplifying and transforming to deliver a modern relationship-banking proposition
3. Advancing our purpose-driven culture

Enhanced dividend investing

The RBA Select Equity Yield CIBC Index is a systematic rules-based, quantitative investment strategy that seeks to enhance returns through a targeted set of reliable and sustainable dividend-paying equities. It selects 100 of the top U.S. dividend-paying stocks through a methodology based on leading market research and fundamental analysis of financial factors. Any dividend payment occurring while a given component security is part of the index is re-invested into the Index.

Approach

1. Select
The Index selects the largest 600 U.S.-based names by market cap

2. Primary filter
The Index then filters to analyze reasonability of a dividend payout relative to a company's operating performance

3. Secondary filter
Next, the Index runs a secondary filter to analyze the reliability of a dividend payout relative to a company's financial performance

4. Test
And finally, the Index filters to analyze for the consistency of a company's dividend payment history over a determined period of time

5. Final selection
Once testing is complete, the Index selects the top 100 highest dividend-yielding names on a quarterly basis

6. Rebalance
Each month, the portfolio is rebalanced to equal weights to avoid concentration risk. Any dividend paid on a stock in the index is re-invested into the Index

Key features

Bloomberg ticker	CMRBEYTR
Asset class	Equity
Geographical focus	U.S.
Live date	February 26, 2020
Inception date	July 5, 2006
Type of return	Total return
Index sponsor	CIBC Capital Markets
Calculation agent	Solactive AG

Risks and warnings

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