

**October 2024**

**Master Account**  
**Net Asset Value:** 147.10 (-0.39%)

## October Monthly Strategy Update

Resource stocks out-performed the broad market in October, as traders begin anticipating the inflationary fall-out of massive government spending and borrowing during the Biden administration and the potentially inflationary tariffs and tax cuts under Trump. Remember, commodity prices are a quintessential hedge against inflation. The price of crude stabilized, rising +0.93% to \$69.26/barrel, despite the geopolitical risk in the Middle East. Energy stocks were mixed with the Energy SPDR up +0.90%, while the S&P Oil & Gas Services index (XES) dropped -4.1% and the S&P Exploration & Production index (XOP) fell -0.60%. Gold continued to rally in October with the price of gold up +3.9% to \$2738/oz. Gold is warning us about the inflationary time bomb coming out of Washington. The Goldminer's index kept rallying, adding +1.3%. While we have owned physical gold in the past, we prefer not to hold non-yielding assets. Gold is a trading asset while our basket of goldmining stocks (which will obviously benefit if gold prices stay high) pays us an average yield of +2.3%. While we foresee rocky markets in 2025, long-term investors should come through fine if they respect the following principles: 1. Don't chase performance in hot stocks, 2. Focus on undervalued stocks, 3. Focus on dividend payers, 4. Commodity stocks offer the best inflation hedge. These are the principles of the Natural Resources portfolio.

For the month of October, our Natural Resources portfolio fell a modest -0.39%, while the S&P North American Natural Resources Index (IGE), edged up +0.88%. We still have about 40% cash to deploy, and we expect to get an opportunity with post-U.S. election volatility. We'll target a 50% oilers / 50% miners allocation, a large overweight towards mining stocks which offer the inflation hedge without the geopolitical risk and economic demand elements tied to oil prices. Our biggest outperformers in October were Kinder Morgan (+12.2%), B2Gold (+10.0%), and Gold Fields (+9.3%). The biggest losers were Newmont (-14.9%) and Noble (-11.5%).

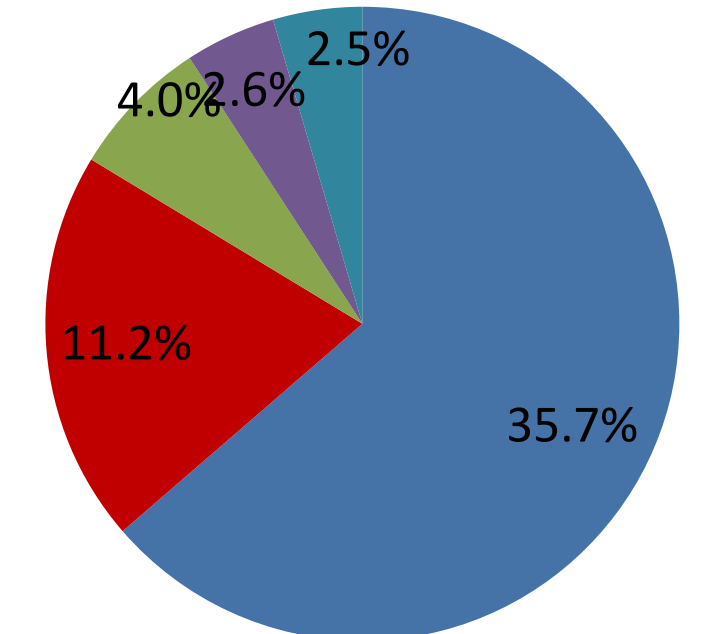
### Portfolio Data

Number of Holdings	20
Currency	USD
Risk Level ( $\beta$ & $\sigma$ )	Low
Dividend Yield	3.71%
Forward Price/Earning Ratio	12.1
52-Week High & Low	151.9 & 147.1

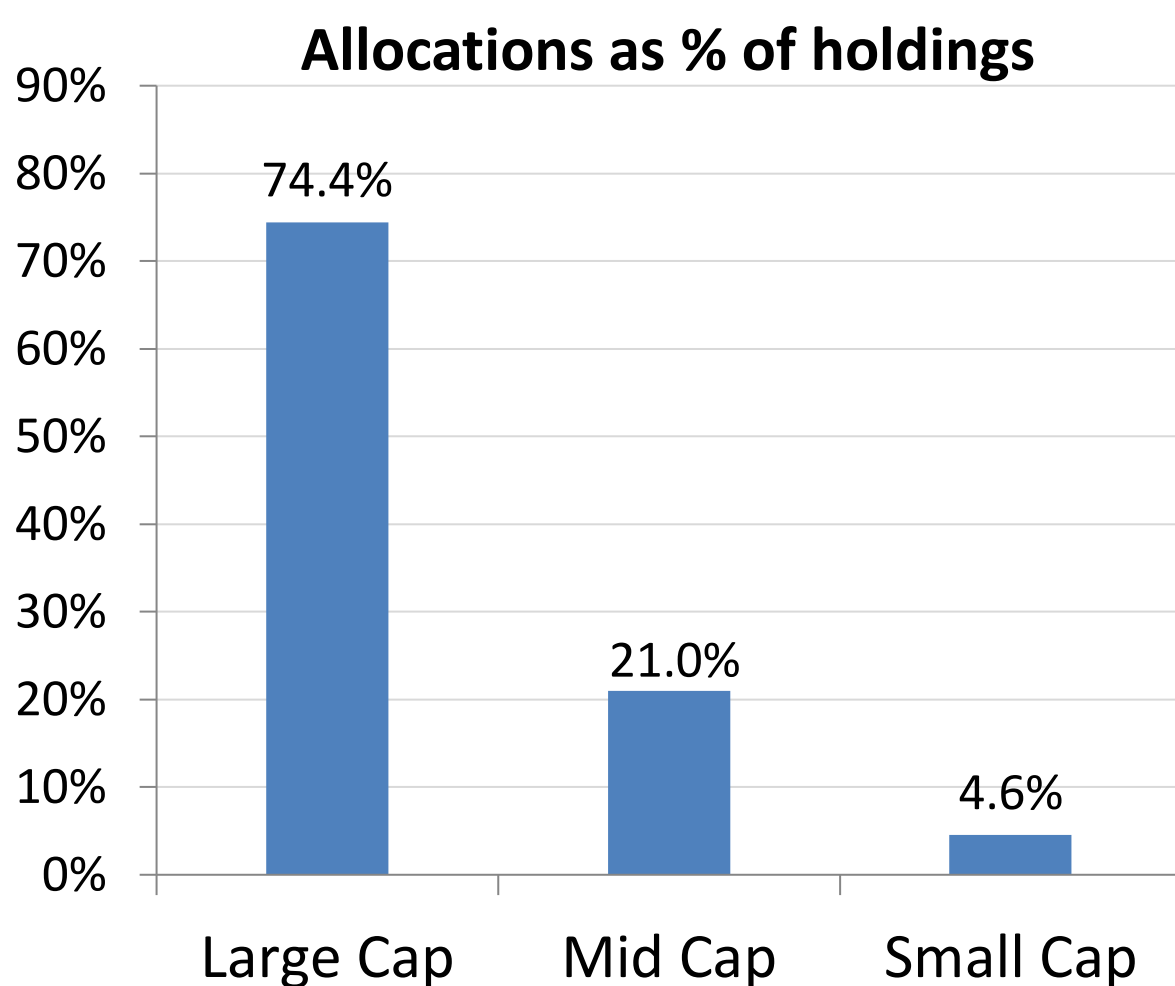
### Country Weightings

U.S.	35.7
Canada	11.2
S. Africa	4.0
U.K.	2.6
Chile	2.5

### Country Weights (%)



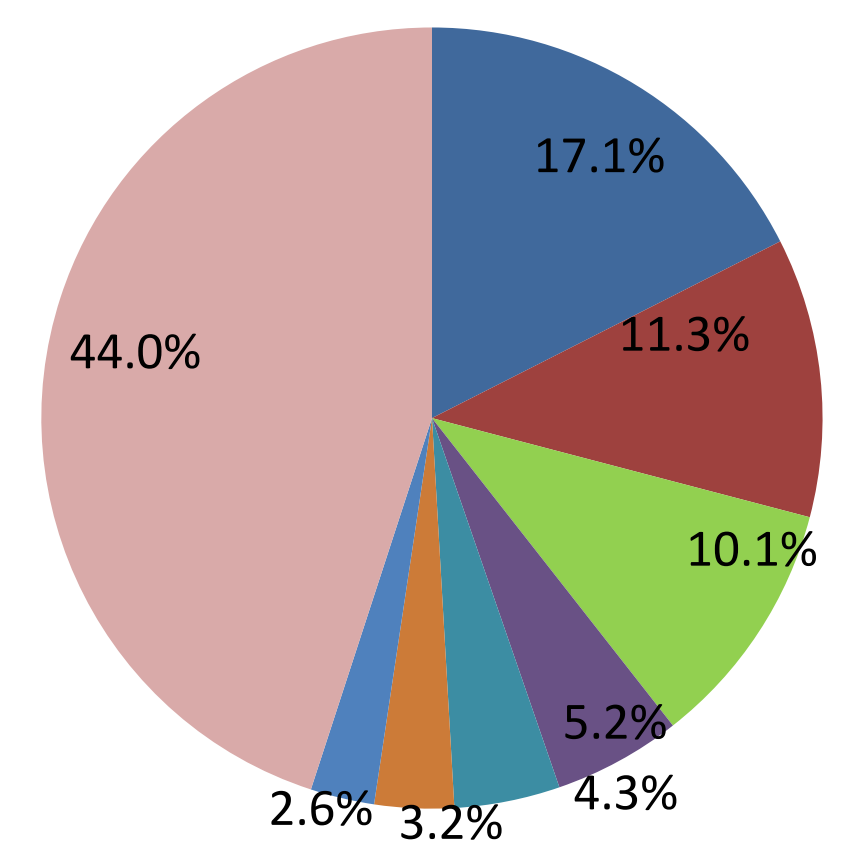
### Market Capitalizations



### Industry Weightings

Sector	%
Gold/Silver Mining	17.1
Oil & Gas Explor & Prod	11.3
Integrated Oil & Gas	10.1
Agricultural Products	5.2
Oil & Gas Midstream	4.3
Chemicals	3.2
Oil & Gas Eqp & Services	2.6
Steel/Iron	0.0
Contract Oil Drilling	0.0
Oil & Gas Transport/Storage	0.0
Oil & Gas Refining	0.0
Cash	44.0

### Industry Weights (%)



## Historical Performance

### Risk Characteristics

	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe Ratio
WMA Natural Resources	23.4%	0.66	1.00
S&P Natural Resources Index	28.7%	1.00	0.76

### Price Return

as of 10/31/2024

	YTD	1-Year	2-Year	Since Inception
WMA Natural Resources	8.07%	18.6%	47.1%	47.1%
S&P Natural Resources Index	9.18%	11.4%	43.8%	43.8%

### WMA Natural Resources Portfolio

