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Melodia Portfolios: adapting to market changes

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To seize more income and growth opportunities in the stock markets, we revised the asset allocation for the Melodia Income and Melodia Growth Portfolios in November 2015. The changes are intended to provide you with greater return potential by reducing exposure to Canadian equities in the Melodia Income Portfolios and to Canadian short-term bonds in the Melodia Income and Melodia Growth Portfolios. The weighting of Canadian equities in the growth portion of the Melodia Income Portfolios has gone from 50% to 40%, whereas foreign equity has increased from 50% to 60%. For the Melodia Growth Portfolios, the weighting of Canadian equities in the growth portion remains at 30%.

Over the last year, the Canadian economy has been affected by the drop in oil and raw material prices. The lower Bank of Canada key rate and weaker Canadian dollar don't appear to be enough to significantly or positively influence the Canadian economy in the short-term. For these reasons, the weight of securities in Canadian companies will be reduced in Melodia Income Portfolios, leaving more room for investments in foreign companies.

These changes are part of our team's ongoing efforts to offer you the very best market opportunities while minimizing major market fluctuations and maintaining a level of diversity that suits your investor profile.

Here's an overview of the changes to the asset allocation of Melodia Portfolios:

Melodia Income Portfolios

- Reduced weight of Canadian equities
- Corresponding increase in the weight of foreign equities
- Slight reduction of the weight of Canadian short-term bonds
- Corresponding increase in the weight of foreign, medium- and long-term bonds

Melodia Growth Portfolios

- Slight reduction in the weight of Canadian short-term bonds
- Corresponding increase in the weight of foreign, medium- and long-term bonds.

For more information

If you'd like more information on the new asset allocation of your Melodia Portfolio, <u>click here</u> or contact your representative.

In the meantime, get back to your day-to-day while we keep a close eye on your investments.

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