

January 2024

Master Account
Net Asset Value: 131.14 (-3.66%)

January Monthly Strategy Update

Energy stocks slipped in January even as crude oil prices rose. WTI crude jumped +6.9% to \$71.33/barrel, mainly on supply concerns and the geopolitical situation with Iran. The Energy SPDR fell -0.54% in January, while the S&P Oil & Gas Services index (XES) dropped -3.4% and the S&P Exploration & Production index (XOP) fell -2.8%. It would seem that the oil market is anticipating a 2024 growth slowdown that the mega cap stocks are not pricing in. Oil stocks still remain much more attractive on a valuation basis than the mega cap S&P 100 stocks. As for metals, Gold dropped a little (-1.42%) but the Goldminers dropped a lot (-9.9%). Goldminers are volatile, leveraged plays on Gold, hence our insistence on holding the stronger names that pay larger dividends. With Goldminer stocks at the low end of the 2023 horizontal trading range, we have added exposure with new positions in Centerra Gold and Newmont.

For the month of January, our Natural Resources portfolio fell -3.66%, weighed down by the 37% exposure to the miners. The energy-heavy S&P North American Natural Resources Index (IGE) was down -1.96%. Nearly fully invested, we'll be doing a re-balancing to start February and remove some names that don't match our inclusion criteria anymore (typically rich valuations or insufficient PEG ratios). We'd like to have a little more cash to navigate the near-term macro situation, although our long-term outlook on all resource industries is positive. For the month, our biggest winners were Phillips 66 (+8.4%) and HeidelbergCement (+6.1%). The goldminers led the declines.

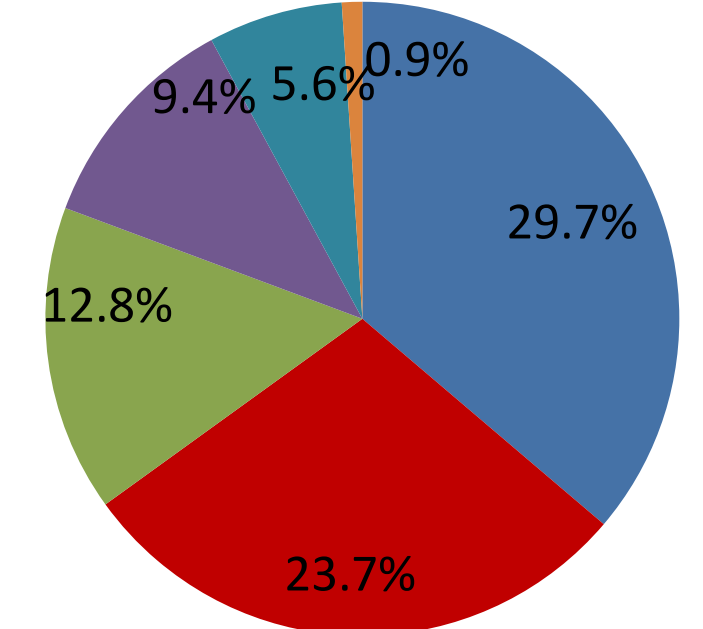
Portfolio Data

Number of Holdings	17
Currency	USD
Risk Level (β & σ)	Moderate
Dividend Yield	4.02%
Forward Price/Earning Ratio	12.2
52-Week High & Low	136.1 & 124.1

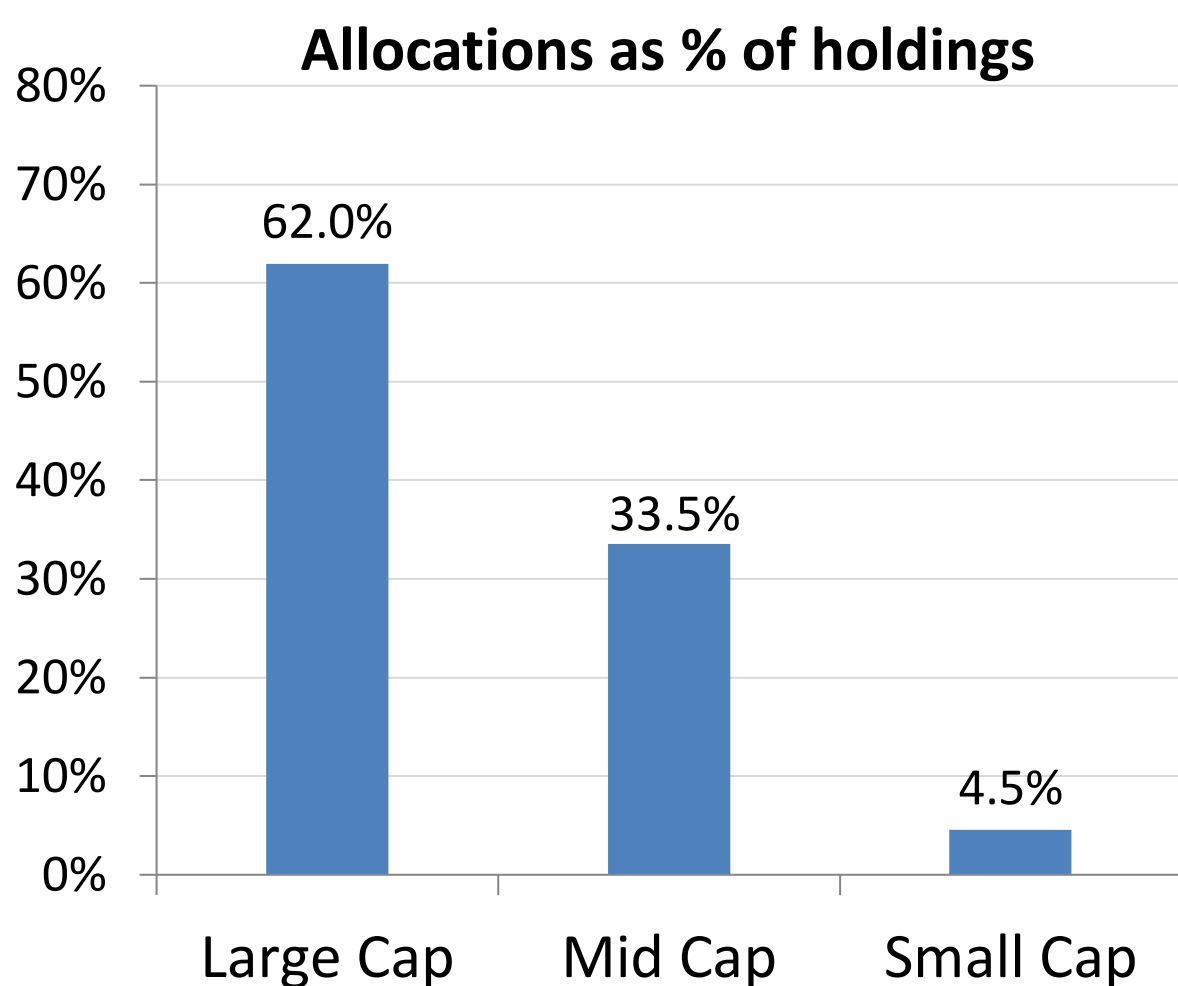
Country Weightings

U.S.	29.8
Canada	23.5
Germany	12.8
S. Africa	9.5
U.K.	5.5
Chile	0.8

Country Weights (%)



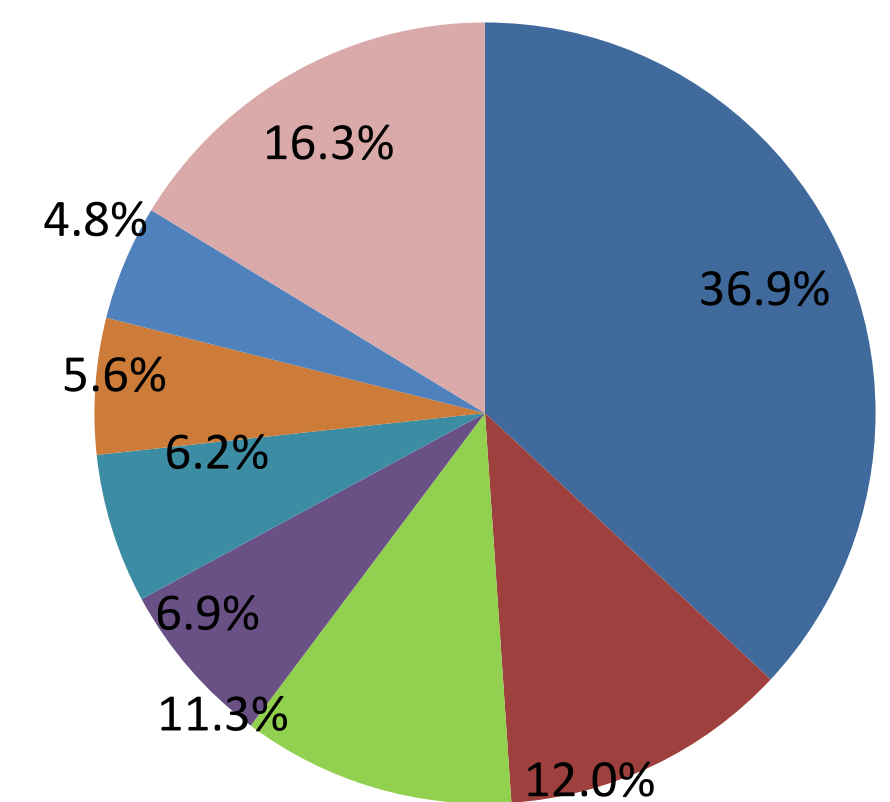
Market Capitalizations



Industry Weightings

Sector	%
Gold/Silver Mining	37.0
Chemicals	12.0
Oil & Gas Refining	11.5
Oil & Gas Explor & Prod	6.8
Agricultural Products	6.1
Integrated Oil & Gas	5.5
Building Materials	4.7
Steel/Iron	0.0
Contract Oil Drilling	0.0
Oil & Gas Transport/Storage	0.0
Natural Gas Explor & Prod	0.0
Cash	16.4

Industry Weights (%)



Historical Performance

Risk Characteristics

	Annualized Volatility	Beta	Sharpe Ratio
WMA Natural Resources	24.4%	0.65	0.78
S&P Natural Resources Index	30.3%	1.00	0.59

Price Return

as of 01/31/2024

	YTD	1-Year	2-Year	Since Inception
WMA Natural Resources	-3.66%	6.9%	31.1%	31.1%
S&P Natural Resources Index	-1.96%	-6.4%	29.1%	29.1%

WMA Natural Resources Portfolio

