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A conservative strategy for Income

Utilities are companies that produce and deliver basic essential services such as: water, natural gas, sewer services, electricity, telecommunication and pipelines, that we consume on a daily basis - and therefore, have relatively steady levels of demand. As a result, utility stocks are attractive to investors because of their reputation for providing a steady source of income for investors.

Utilities providers enjoy constant demand for their services

In good times or bad, we all use our phones, turn the lights on, drive on highways, need to heat our homes and expect our taps to provide clean water. Infrastructure and utilities are the behind-the-scenes systems that do that. They are the sorts of things that we only notice when they go missing.



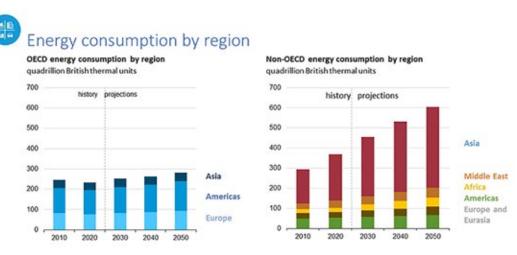
Building and maintaining power plants, transmission grids, distribution lines, telecommunication systems, and pipelines is very expensive and the size and scale of the projects mean they take a long time to complete. Because of this, many utilities are monopolies, or near monopolies. The contractual nature of the pricing means that revenues are generally pre-set with inflation-linked increases. As a result, utility stocks are attractive because of their reputation for providing steady cash flow (dividends) in almost all market conditions, with regular increases as cash flow grows. When the financial markets hit a rough patch, utilities have the characteristics to offer stability.

Utilities: opportunities for growth in consumption demand & innovation

Global utilities companies are likely to grow because of increases in population and standards of living.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) projects that world energy consumption will grow by nearly 50% between 2018 and 2050. Source: International

Energy Outlook 2019.



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Outlook 2021 Reference case

The industry is also pursuing new paths to growth as it continues to digitize operations and upgrade aging infrastructure, with most new projects in renewable power generation assets (decarbonization).

These pressures may also open up new avenues to increased productivity and profitability.

A global basket for a larger field of opportunity

One of the risks of owning certain utilities is the concentration towards a specific region. For example, a utility that is exposed to a specific province could be subject to the changing political environments. Or, a power producer in a specific US state that is exposed to a natural disaster, like an out of control forest fire. Holding a diversified basket of utilities related companies can help reduce some of the regional risks inherent in utilities.

Owning a basket can also help ensure that there is consistency of income, without relying on any one particular company for income generation.

The Harvest Equal Weight Global Utilities Income ETF (HUTL) is invested in an equally weighted portfolio of 30 of the largest global utilities and communications companies. These include Canadian names most investors would recognize including TC Energy, BCE Inc., Emera Inc., and Telus. Other holdings include American and European companies that dominate in areas of telecommunications, electric utilities, and pipelines.

HUTL Highlights

Harvest Equal Weight Global Utilities Income ETF (HUTL) is an equally weighted portfolio of 30 large-cap global utilities companies, selected for their potential to provide attractive monthly income and long-term growth. In order to generate an enhanced monthly distribution yield, an active covered call strategy is engaged.

Long life quality assets with income

- Globally utility stocks; considered defensive with attractive income streams
- Utilities have offered low correlations and lower volatility compared to broad markets
- Sectors offer sustainable cash flows driven by the necessity of everyday consumer use
- Opportunity for steady and non-cyclical long life income streams
- Covered call strategy to enhance income

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To learn more about the ETF, please visit harvestportfolios.com/hutl.

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