

# BMO Nasdaq 100 Equity Index ETF GIF

## Access to companies that are leaders in innovation and technology

*The Nasdaq-100 is an equity index comprised of the 100 largest non-financial companies trading on the Nasdaq stock exchange. It is an **innovation and growth focused** index which is **concentrated in new economy companies**.*

### What makes the Nasdaq different from other U.S. Equity Indexes?

- **Market cap based:** Does not select constituents by committee or use strict inclusion criteria like other indexes. The top companies weighted by market cap are included.
- **Exchange-based:** Any global company trading on the Nasdaq exchange is eligible to be included in the index. Therefore, non-U.S. companies may be included.
- **Innovation and tech focused:** Overweight to growth sectors, new economy companies, and disruptive innovations relative to other broad market indices. (Refer to Index weight per sector below.)



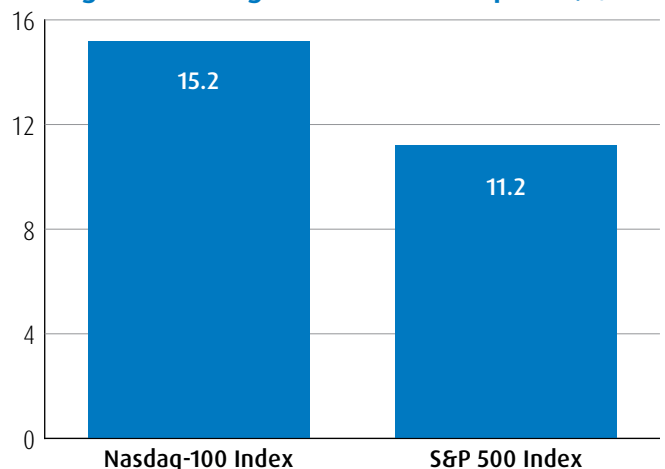
#### Sector benefits for Canadian investors

The Nasdaq-100 is a non-financial index which means it does not hold banks, REITs or insurance companies. By comparison, the Canadian equity market (defined by the S&P/TSX Composite Index) market is overweight Financials and underweight Information Technology, so the Nasdaq-100 Index can provide diversification benefits to investors in the Canadian equity market.

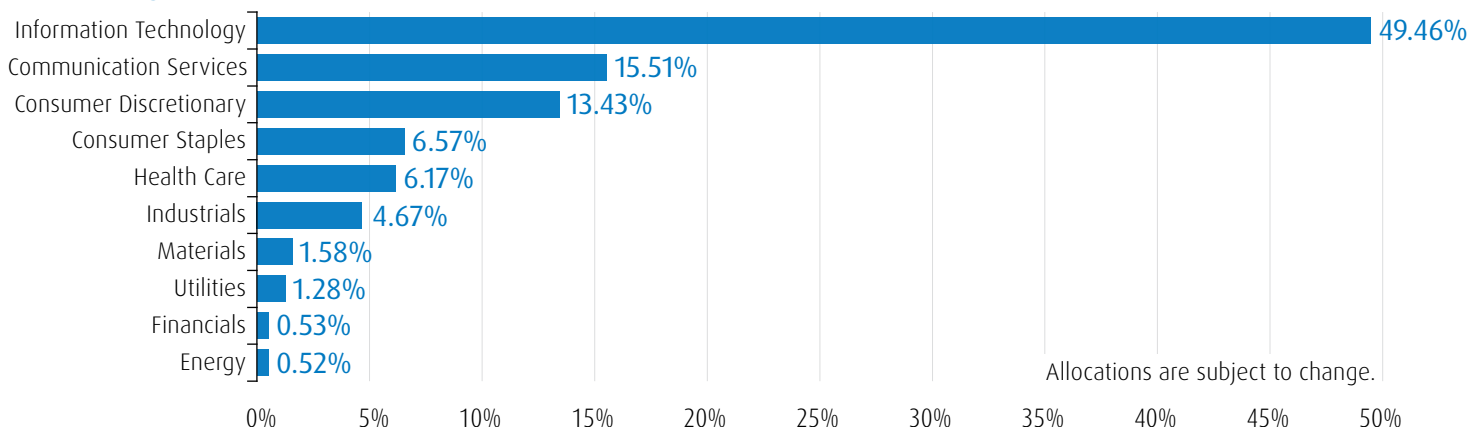
### Let's take a deeper look...

- **Technology and thematic driven index:** Not only is the Nasdaq-100 Index overweight growth sectors (IT, Healthcare), it is also overweight to innovations and megatrends such as Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.
- **Research & development (R&D) focused:** Nasdaq-100 companies spend more (approximately 1.4x) on R&D than companies in the S&P500<sup>1</sup>. This reinvestment of earnings into R&D has been a driver of past growth and success in these companies. (Refer to Weighted Average Annual R&D spend graph to the right).
- **Patents in key innovations:** 65 companies in the Nasdaq-100 (representing 83% of index weight) recently filed patents across one or more of 35 key areas of Disruptive Technology such as Artificial Intelligence, Clean Energy, or Blockchain<sup>1</sup>.

Weighted average annual R&D expense, \$Bn<sup>1</sup>



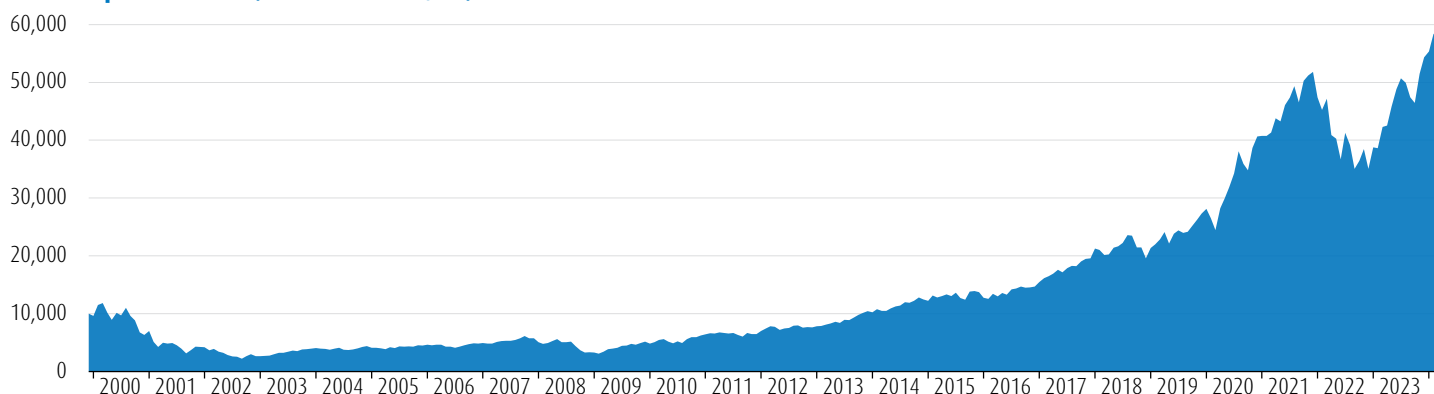
## Index weight per sector<sup>2</sup>



## Where does it fit in my portfolio?

The Nasdaq-100 is a growth-focused index and can be a core equity holding or used in a growth sleeve in a portfolio. Growth in the index over the past decade has been driven by tech and innovation focused companies who have been growing market cap and therefore growing weight in the index. The BMO Nasdaq 100 Index Equity ETF GIF **is rated as medium to high risk**<sup>3</sup>.

## Nasdaq-100 Index, Growth of \$10,000<sup>4</sup>



Source: Morningstar, as of April 30, 2024. The chart illustrates the impact to an initial investment of \$10,000 dollars from Dec. 31, 1999 to Apr. 30, 2024 in the Nasdaq-100 Index. It is not intended to reflect future returns in the Nasdaq-100 Index. Index performance is provided as a benchmark but is not illustrative of any particular investment. Index returns do not reflect transactions costs or the deduction of other fees and expenses. You cannot invest directly in an index. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

## Top Holdings in the BMO Nasdaq 100 Equity Index ETF GIF

Name	Weight (%)
Microsoft Corp	8.75
Apple Inc	8.07
Nvidia Corp	6.49
Amazon.com Inc	5.19
Broadcom Inc	4.57
Meta Platforms Inc	4.47
Alphabet Inc. (Googl)	2.84
Alphabet Inc. (Goog)	2.76
Costco Wholesale Corp	2.51
Tesla Inc	2.37

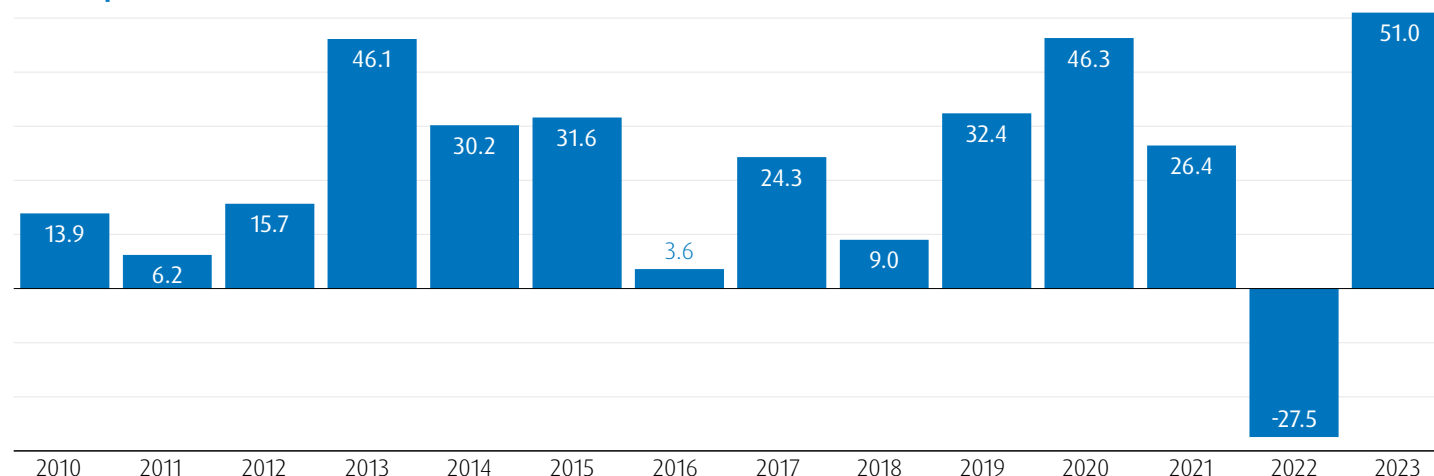
Source: BMO Global Asset Management, Holdings as of May 22, 2024. The portfolio holdings are subject to change without notice and only represent a small percentage of portfolio holdings. They are not recommendations to buy or sell any particular security.

## The Nasdaq-100 Methodology

- **Weighting methodology:** Modified market cap weight
- **Modifications:** Capping on securities to avoid over concentration
- **Rebalance and reconstitution:** Rebalanced quarterly (March, June, September, December) and reconstituted annually (December).



## Nasdaq-100 Index, annual returns



Source: Morningstar, as of December 31, 2023. Returns in Canadian dollars.

## Fund codes &amp; fees

Class A	GIF 75/75	GIF 75/100
Front-End Load	BLA9511	BLA9311
Chargeback (2)	BLA9501	BLA9301
Chargeback (5)	BLA9502	BLA9302
Class F (Nominee Name)	BLA9505	BLA9305
Class F (Client Name)	BLA9506	BLA9306
Expected MER*	GIF 75/75	GIF 75/100
Class A	2.86%	3.19%
Class A Prestige	2.45%	2.80%
Class F	1.76%	2.09%
Class F Prestige	1.43%	N/A

\*The fund was launched on October 21, 2024 and MERs are estimates only (includes management fee, insurance fee, fixed administrative expenses of 0.25%, plus applicable taxes).

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<sup>1</sup>Source: Nasdaq, December 31, 2023.

<sup>2</sup>Source: BMO ETFs, May 21, 2024.

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