



FUND DETAILS

Type	Fee based/ Advisory Fee
Fund Code	VAM 301
Total Assets (All series)	\$14.9 million
Category	Alternative Mutual Fund
Inception Date	October 1, 2019
MER (%) As at Dec. 31, 2019	2.01
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Number of Holdings	67
Total Long Positions	37
Total Short Positions	30
Minimum Investment	\$5,000 initial / \$500 subsequent
Distribution Frequency	Annually if any

Volatility risk profile

LOW MEDIUM HIGH



TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	COMPANY	TICKER	LONG/ SHORT
1	Cash		
2	SPDR Gold Shares	GLD	LONG
3	Granite REIT	GRT-U	LONG
4	Metro Inc.	MRU	LONG
5	TransAlta Corp.	TA	LONG
6	Waste Connections Inc.	WCN	LONG
7	Hydro One Ltd.	H	LONG
8	Cogeco Inc.	CCA	LONG
9	Crombie REIT	CRR-U	LONG
10	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	MFI	LONG

WHY INVEST IN VERITAS ABSOLUTE RETURN FUND?

- The Fund manages risks with the aim of preserving capital in down markets and achieving consistent returns.
- The Fund's long-short capability targets lower volatility than equities, less correlation to traditional asset classes, and greater downside protection.
- The Fund pursues an active investment discipline using forensic-accounting based research.
- Fundamental analysis is paired with systematic stock selection to generate alpha.
- Suitable for investors with a medium risk profile.
- Weekly liquidity.
- No performance fees.

PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve attractive risk adjusted rates of return that deliver long-term capital appreciation to unitholders.

The Fund will invest primarily in the securities of publicly traded Canadian companies that the Portfolio Manager identifies as mispriced. Long and short positions will be determined primarily based (in part) on recommendations provided by Veritas Investment Research Corporation (an affiliate of the Portfolio Manager). The Portfolio Manager may also invest in securities that are not formally covered by Veritas Investment Research Corporation.

The Fund will manage its long and short positions to reduce the impact of market volatility on the Fund's investment portfolio.

FUND COMMENTARY

After the shock and awe of March, April 2020 was witness to the rescue mission. Global markets took solace in the central banks' unprecedented Trillion-dollar stimulus measures to overlook the economic wreckage caused by the COVID-19 Crisis and the S&P/TSX posted its best performance since the Great Financial Crisis – one of its 10 best of all time – up 10.8%. Given our assessment that the ripple effects of the COVID Crisis have yet to be felt, the Veritas Absolute Return Fund remained defensively positioned to preserve capital with short positions in entities exposed to a weakening consumer base and downside protection through derivatives.

The Absolute Return strategy has been designed to provide stable risk-adjusted returns and lower overall equity market correlation while delivering an overall positive absolute return to investors through the medium and long term. The Fund's long exposure to Industrial and Utility sectors was beneficial to performance.

The Fund's Long position in Granite REIT (**GRT-U**) was the top contributor to the Fund's performance in April. The REIT's portfolio includes industrial distribution facilities and Magna International Inc. (**MG**) operated manufacturing facilities in North America and Europe. We believe **GRT-U** boasts a strong balance sheet and is better prepared to endure an extended downturn relative to peers in our stress test that assumes zero rent collections. In addition, **GRT-U**'s diverse geographic positioning, access to low-cost financing, and high tenant collection rates, make it one of the Real Estate Assets well-positioned to withstand any further impacts from COVID-19 and at the same time it benefits from the re-opening of many economies.

The Fund's Position in WSP Global Inc. (**WSP**) was the second-best contributor to the Fund's performance in April. We view engineering design and consulting firms to be relatively insulated from the current crisis given conversations with industry insiders and empirical data. **WSP**'s involvement in key essential Government and infrastructure projects and over \$1.2B in available liquidity, means it is well-positioned to withstand the impact from the COVID-19 Crisis.

We expect equity market volatility to intensify as investors continue to grapple with the macro economic and social impacts of the COVID-19 Crisis, volatile commodity prices, emerging market unrest and especially consumer debt coupled with rising unemployment in Canada. As always, we focus on owning fundamentally strong businesses with clean accounting and foreseeably bright futures. During the current Crisis, we favour businesses with visibility past the current Crisis, that maintain conservative balance sheets, and/or are being supported by government aid programs.

We will continue to take strategic short positions in companies whose overvalued securities demonstrate predictable weakness due to deteriorating business fundamentals.



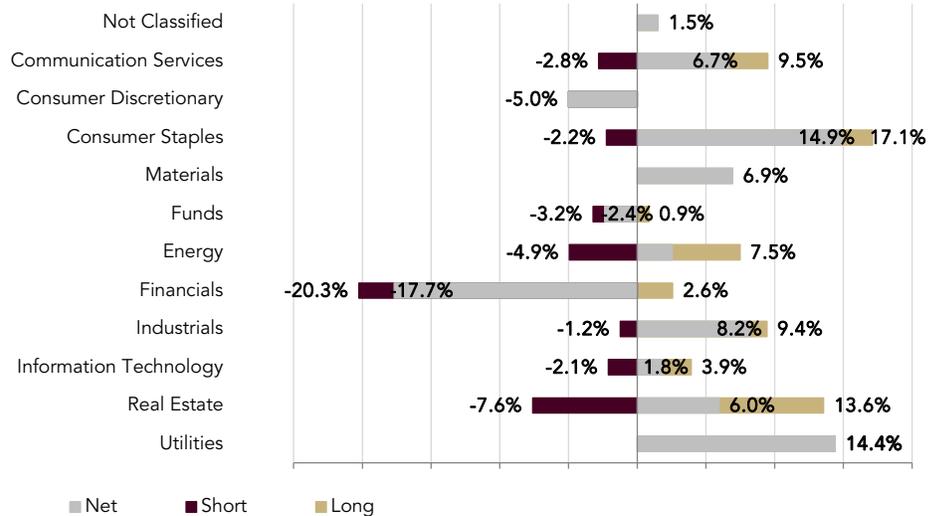
ABOUT VERITAS ASSET MANAGEMENT

Veritas Asset Management (VAM) is an independent employee owned research driven investment manager. VAM was founded on the belief that superior research leads to better investment decisions. VAM sources its investment ideas from Veritas Investment Research Corp. (VIR), an award-winning independent equity research organization whose fundamental analysis is based on forensic-accounting principles.

Once ideas are selected, the next step in building a VAM portfolio is risk management. After studying the fundamentals, the portfolio managers at VAM overlay a factor-based risk management strategy. This approach allows VAM to select a portfolio of names and individual weights that, when combined, are designed to minimize risk. VAM is sector agnostic and takes concentrated positions based on each company's relative risk/reward characteristics.

Together, VAM and VIR offer a unique investment solution that diversifies and adds value to investor portfolios.

SECTOR ALLOCATIONS



PERFORMANCE

Mutual Fund regulations restrict the presentation of performance figures until a Fund reaches its one-year anniversary.

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