



## FUND DETAILS

Type	Fee based / Advisory fee
Fund Code	VAM 201
Total Assets (All series)	\$22.0 million
Category	Canadian Equity
Inception Date	May 1, 2018
MER (%) As at Dec. 31, 2019	2.32
Management Fee	0.95%
Number of Holdings	20
Minimum Investment	\$1,000 initial / \$500 subsequent
Distribution Frequency	Annually if any

### Volatility risk profile

LOW MEDIUM HIGH



	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Beta	0.68	0.67
Correlation	0.73	0.79

## TOP 10 HOLDINGS

	COMPANY	TICKER	% OF PORTFOLIO
1	Canadian Utilities Ltd.	CU	8.24
2	Granite REIT	GRT-U	8.22
3	George Weston Ltd.	WN	8.19
4	Telus Corp.	T	8.17
5	Metro Inc.	MRU	8.17
6	Killam Apartment REIT	KMP-U	8.15
7	Waste Connections Inc.	WCN	7.36
8	Manulife Financial Corp.	MFC	6.82
9	TransAlta Corp.	TA	5.53
10	WSP Global Inc.	WSP	5.07
	<b>Top 10 weight</b>		<b>73.93</b>

## PORTFOLIO OBJECTIVE

The investment objective of the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund is to provide Unitholders with long term capital growth earning enhanced risk adjusted returns relative to the S&P TSX Composite Total Return Index by investing in a portfolio comprised primarily of the securities of Canadian companies.

## WHY INVEST WITH US?

- Driven by award winning research
- High-conviction concentrated portfolio
- Low market correlation
- Index and sector-agnostic
- Low turnover portfolio
- Strict risk management optimization process

## THE PORTFOLIO PRIMARILY INVESTS IN

The Fund will invest primarily in the securities of companies included on the V-List Model Portfolio as prepared by Veritas Investment Research Corporation (VIR).

The V-List was launched by VIR in 2004. The V-List is a concentrated model portfolio of between 12 and 25 companies that comprise VIR's best investment ideas. The fund is systematically optimized to minimize volatility and maximize performance relative to passive investing.

Companies are selected based on their potential for long term capital appreciation, using bottom-up fundamental analysis and a strict review of accounting and disclosure practices to identify companies with defensible competitive advantages and the ability to generate meaningful cash flows.

## 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.

## PERFORMANCE

	YTD	1 MONTH	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION *
FUND	-2.44%	-4.41%	7.19%	13.00%
INDEX	-4.26%	-5.90%	4.89%	10.18%

Source: Bloomberg, S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index for period ending February 28, 2020.

\* F Series Inception Date: May 1, 2018



## MONTHLY COMMENTARY

The month of February 2020 will be remembered as the period that marked the most rapid 10% decline for the S&P500 from its peak in history. While the Canadian Index performed relatively better (S&P/TSX down 5.9% versus 8.2% S&P500, total returns) and is a trend that we believe will continue, the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund proved more resilient returning -4.41% net of fees during the month. The Fund's performance was driven by both stock selection as well as sector exposure. We continue to be concerned about the impact that consumer debt will have on credit provisions and remain well underweight the banking and consumer discretionary sectors.

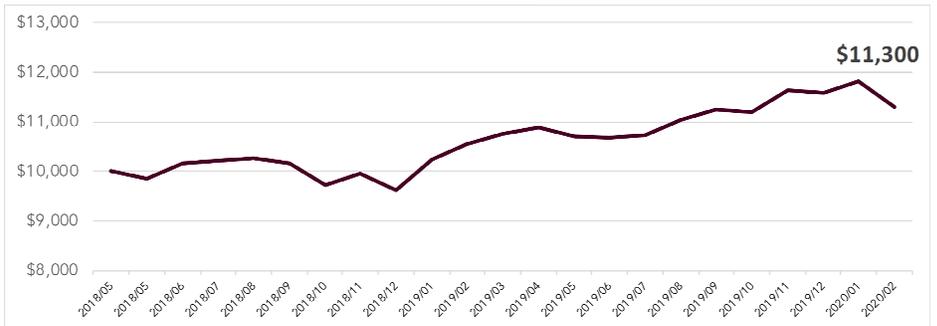
The Fund's Position in Killam Apartment REIT (**KMP.UN**) was the top contributor to the Fund's performance for the month of February. Boosted by the prospects of an interest rate cut and investors' appetite for yield, **KMP.UN** announced a distribution increase in February, which is supported by strength in the residential rental market and the company's impressive free cash flow profile. We continue to look favourably upon Killam's clear trajectory for long-term income growth, lower leverage and maintenance capex requirements relative to peers.

The Fund's Position in TransAlta Corporation (**TA**) was the second-best contributor to the Fund's performance in February. Despite lower than expected power pricing in Alberta, **TA** posted strong results, reinforcing the value of its dominant position in the province's power market. The company's sector-best cash flow profile supports continued debt reduction and stock buy backs. **TA**'s longer-term value is galvanized by an expected F2020 dividend hike and the prospects of a Brookfield partnership.

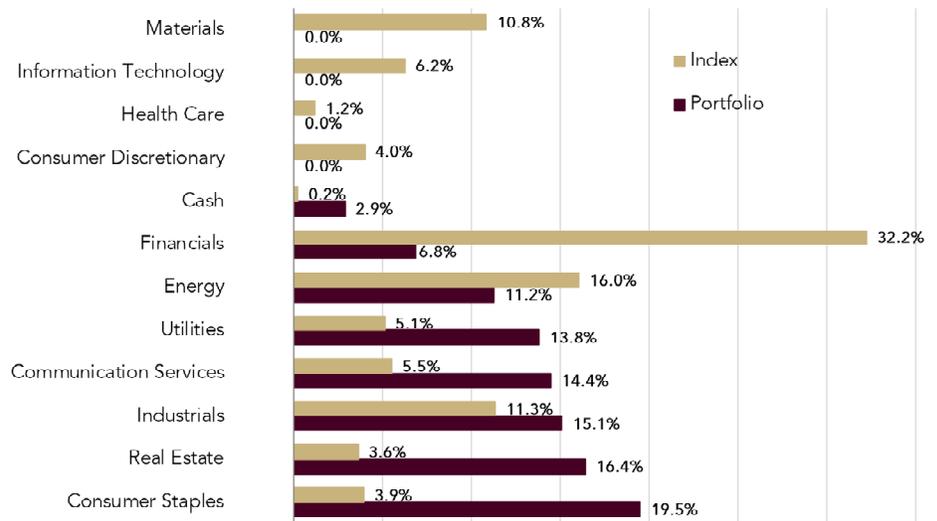
We expect equity market volatility to intensify as investors continue to grapple with the macro economic and social impact of the COVID-19 virus, volatile commodity prices, emerging market unrest and especially consumer debt in Canada. In this environment and always, we continue to focus on owning fundamentally strong businesses with clean accounting and foreseeably bright futures.

## PERFORMANCE

### Growth of \$10,000 (since inception date)



## Sector Allocations



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