



## FUND DETAILS\*

Type	Fee based
Fund Code	VAM 301
Total Assets (All series)	\$24.3 million
Category	Alternative Mutual Fund
Inception Date	October 1, 2019
Management Fee	1.5%
Total Number of Holdings	86
Total Long Positions	46
Total Short Positions	40
Minimum Investment	\$5,000 initial / \$500 subsequent
Firm AUM	\$40.9 million
Employee AUM <sup>1</sup>	\$3.4 million
Distribution Frequency	Annually if any

## 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.

## WHY INVEST WITH US

- 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.

## 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.

## MONTHLY RETURNS % (NET OF FEES)<sup>4</sup>

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2021	1.1	-0.3	6.9	1.2									9.0
2020	1.3	-1.6	4.3	-5.3	-2.0	-0.2	2.9	-1.6	1.2	-2.8	7.1	0.6	3.3
2019										0.5	2.7	-0.6	2.6

## PERFORMANCE<sup>5</sup>

	YTD	1 MONTH	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
FUND	9.0%	1.2%	14.4%	15.5%
INDEX	10.6%	2.4%	33.3%	20.5%

	TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>3</sup>	TICKER	LONG/SHORT
1	TFI International Inc.	TFII	LONG
2	Brookfield Bus Partners LP	BBU.UN	LONG
3	Capital Power Corp.	CPX	LONG
4	Sun Life Financial Inc.	SLF	LONG
5	Magna International Inc.	MG	LONG
6	Bank of Montreal	BMO	LONG
7	Home Capital Group Inc.	HCG	LONG
8	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	ATD.B	LONG
9	SPDR Gold Shares	GLD	LONG
10	TransAlta Corp.	TA	LONG



## COMMENTARY

The Series F of the Veritas Absolute Return Fund generated a 1.19% return in April, slightly behind the S&P/TSX return of 2.39%. Our year-to-date returns reached 8.96% through April 30, versus 10.63% for the S&P/TSX. Our correlation to the index over the twelve months ended April 30<sup>th</sup> has remained low at 0.64.

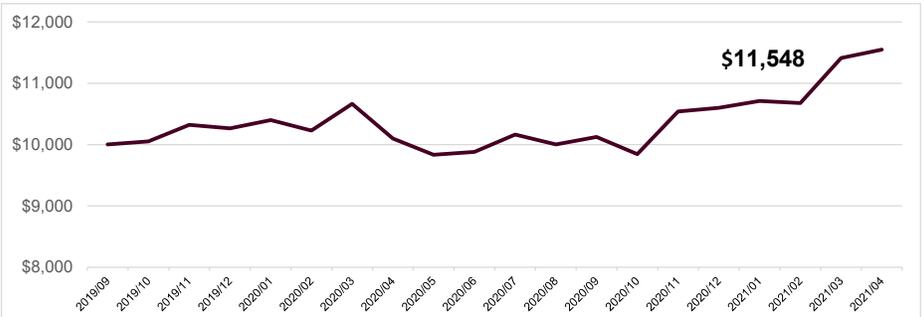
The Fund's long position in **TFI International Inc. (TFII)** was the top contributor to performance for April, following strong Q1 earnings. At the end of April, **TFII** completed its UPS Freight acquisition which is set to catapult the company into the big leagues of less-than-truckload (LTL) shipping the U.S. market. Total revenues will close to double making **TFII** the 5th largest LTL carrier in the U.S. (from ~10<sup>th</sup> place). We see plenty of opportunities for **TFII** to apply its proven playbook to increase margins, profitability, and cash flow, as it has with its previous acquisitions.

The Fund's long position in **Capital Power Corporation (CPX)** was the second-best contributor to performance in April. As an independent power producer, the company remains well-positioned to compete in Alberta's power market and in the other jurisdictions where it does business. **CPX** reported Q1 results that handily exceeded its guidance and the company continues to provide best-in-class cash flows and dividend coverage.

Our goal is to buy the best companies in sectors where we identify positive investment catalysts and take strategic short positions in poorly positioned companies in challenged industries. We evaluate companies based on balance sheet strength; free cash flow sustainability; transparent financial reporting and governance; as well as the ability to endure periods of economic weakness.

## PERFORMANCE<sup>6</sup>

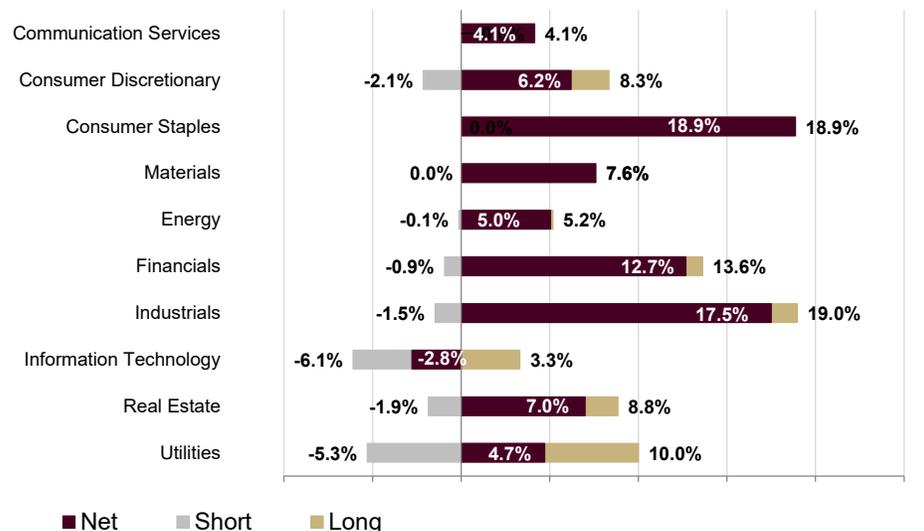
### Growth of \$10,000 (since inception date)



## RISK MEASURES<sup>7</sup>

	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Fund Sharpe Ratio <sup>8</sup>		0.86
Index Sharpe Ratio		0.55
Beta <sup>9</sup>	0.57	-0.03
Correlation <sup>10</sup>	0.64	-0.05
Fund Volatility <sup>10</sup>	10.8%	10.7%
Index Volatility	12.2%	20.9%
Best Month		7.1%
Worst month		-5.3%
# of months +		11
Worst drawdown <sup>11</sup>		-10.2%

## SECTOR ALLOCATIONS<sup>12</sup>





## DISCLOSURES

The information contained herein is for general information purposes and does not constitute a solicitation for the purchase or sale of securities. The full details of the Fund, its investment strategies and the risks are detailed in the Fund's current simplified prospectus, annual information form, and fund facts document, copies of which may be obtained from Sedar, your dealer, Veritas Asset Management Inc. ("VAM") or at [Veritasfunds.com](http://Veritasfunds.com). Please read the prospectus before investing. Commissions, trailing commissions, management fees and expenses all may be associated with mutual fund investments. All performance data assume reinvestment of all distributions or dividends and do not take into account other charges or income taxes payable by any unitholder that would have reduced returns. The performance of the Fund is not guaranteed, unit values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated. Performance is presented in Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated, and is net of fees of Series F units of the Fund. VAM is an affiliate of Veritas Investment Research Corporation ("VIR"), which produces and issues independent equity research regarding public issuers to investors and other capital markets participants. VAM is a client of VIR and receives research reports from VIR at the same time as VIR's other clients. VIR and VAM have implemented policies and procedures to minimize the potential for and to address conflicts of interest, which are available upon request.

1. Employee AUM includes all parties related to the Manager in all series or classes of all Veritas Asset Management Inc. Funds, as at April 30, 2021.
2. Source: Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Calculated using end of day positions for period ending April 30, 2021.
3. Source: Refinitiv & Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Portfolio weights refer to end of day weights for period ending April 30, 2021.
4. Source: Refinitiv, Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Calendar year returns are based on monthly compounded returns. Veritas Absolute Return Fund Series F monthly returns net of fees and expenses are based on independent third party end of month net asset value (NAV) calculations and on internal unaudited estimates. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.
5. Source: Refinitiv. Series F Inception Date: October 1, 2019. Portfolio weights refer to end of day weights for period ending April 30, 2021. Past performance is not indicative of future performance. The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index that represents some of the largest float-adjusted stocks trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Contact Veritas Asset Management Inc. for more information regarding comparative indices.
6. Source: Refinitiv. Series F Inception Date: October 1, 2019. Performance as of April 30, 2021. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.
7. Source: Refinitiv & Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Series F Inception Date: October 1, 2019. The S&P/TSX Composite Index is a capitalization-weighted index that represents some of the largest float-adjusted stocks trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange. Contact Veritas Asset Management Inc. for more information regarding comparative indices.
8. The Sharpe ratio is internally calculated using daily NAV returns on the fund, subtracting a risk free rate based on rolling three-month Government of Canada bond yields, converted to a daily return. The observed (ex-post) Sharpe ratio produced using these daily excess returns is annualized based on 252 trading days per year.
9. Beta (observed beta)  $\beta_{i,f}$  based on historical relationship between fund return (F) and index (I) performance.  $\beta_{i,f} = \text{Cov}(R_i, R_f) / \text{Var}(R_i)$  where  $R_i$  is the monthly index return,  $R_f$  is monthly fund return.
10. Correlation is calculated using monthly returns between the fund and index. Volatility is expressed in terms of historical annual volatility. Historical monthly volatility is measured by the standard deviation of monthly returns. Historical Annual Volatility is measured by annualizing monthly data.
11. Worst drawdown is based on independent third party daily net asset value (NAV) calculations and Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates.
12. Source: Refinitiv & Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Portfolio weights refer to end of day weights for period ending April 30, 2021.

\* Portfolio Manager changed to Antonio Scilipoti as of October 1, 2020.

\* All dollar figures are represented in CAD unless otherwise noted.