



**FUND DETAILS\***

Fund Code	VAM 201
Type	Fee based
Total Assets (All classes)	\$30.2 million
Category	Canadian Equity
Inception Date	May 1, 2018
Management Fee	0.95%
Number of Holdings	38
Minimum Investment	\$1,000 initial / \$500 subsequent
Firm AUM <sup>1</sup>	\$102.3 million
Related Parties AUM <sup>2</sup>	\$6.9 million
Volatility Risk Profile	Medium
Distribution Frequency	Annually if any

**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

**INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Fund invests primarily in Buy-rated securities recommended by Veritas Investment Research Corporation (VIR), based on VIR's forensic-accounting based research. The balance of investments consists of securities identified by the portfolio management team as underpriced.

Securities 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.

The Fund restricts its equity investments to long positions in North American listed issuers and may invest up to 10% of its portfolio in the securities of U.S. issuers. Portfolio concentration and risk are managed to minimize volatility and no single position will represent more than 10% of net assets. The Fund may use derivatives such as futures, options, warrants and swaps for hedging purposes to protect against losses or reduce volatility resulting from changes in interest rates, securities values or exchange rates, however notional exposures are generally small and never more than 5% of net asset value.

**ABOUT VERITAS ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Veritas Asset Management (VAM) is an independent, employee owned, research-driven investment manager. 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.

After studying the fundamentals and selecting ideas, 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<sup>4</sup>**

	YTD	1 MONTH	1 YEAR	3 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
FUND	3.8%	1.8%	5.8%	11.0%	6.6%
INDEX	8.4%	2.6%	8.2%	11.7%	8.7%

	TOP TEN HOLDINGS <sup>3</sup>	TICKER	% WEIGHT
1	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	ATD	4.12
2	RioCan REIT	RElu	4.04
3	Manulife Financial Corp.	MFC	4.04
4	Loblaw Cos Ltd	L	3.56
5	George Weston Ltd	WN	3.52
6	Fortis Inc.	FTS	3.46
7	Metro Inc.	MRU	3.45
8	CGI Inc.	GIBa	3.44
9	Bombardier Inc.	BBD	3.32
10	Capital Power Corp.	CPX	3.25
	<b>Top 10 weight</b>		<b>36.20</b>



**COMMENTARY**

Class F of the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund generated a 1.8% return in July versus a 2.6% return for S&P/TSX Composite index, bringing our year-to-date return to 3.8% versus 8.4% for the index.

The Fund's position in **Dorian LPG Ltd. (NYSE: LPG)** was the largest contributor to fund performance last month. **LPG** is facing strong pricing for its tankers to transport liquified petroleum gases as global shipping capacity lags demand growth. In July, the company offered a preview of its June 30<sup>th</sup> earnings, which projected 98% fleet utilization and a 45% year-over-year increase in revenues. With the update, **LPG** also declared a \$1 per share dividend payable in September. We continue to like **LPG's** long-term prospects.

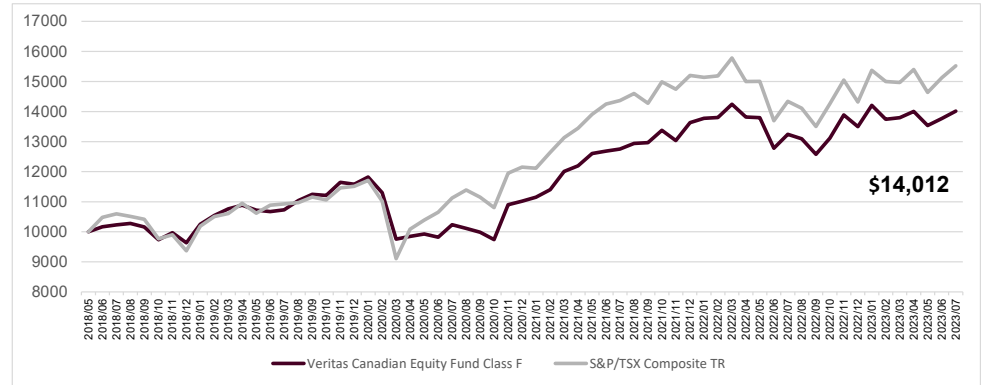
The Fund's position in **SNC Lavalin Group Inc. (TSX: SNC)** was the second largest contributor to fund performance in July, after posting a strong month in June. Last month, **SNC** announced plans to divest its lower-margin Scandinavian business for £80 million, which advances its deleveraging plans and simplifies its operations. **SNC** also landed a US\$85 million contract for work on the Florida turnpike. We will be watching for further progress in **SNC's** current quarter as it pushes for new business wins and works to move past prior lump-sum contract losses.

Our goal is to buy the best companies in sectors where we identify positive investment catalysts, while avoiding poorly positioned companies in challenged industries. We evaluate each company's ability to navigate good and bad economic environments, looking at the sustainability of cash flows; balance sheet strength; financial reporting transparency and governance.

Source: Bloomberg, Refinitiv, Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates, as at July 31, 2023

**PERFORMANCE<sup>5</sup>**

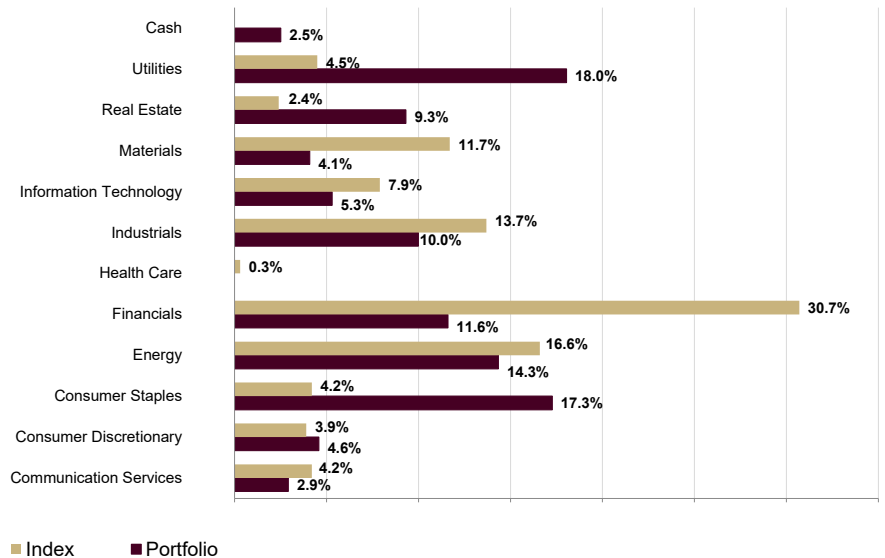
Growth of \$10,000 (since inception date)



**RISK MEASURES<sup>6</sup>**

	1 YEAR	SINCE INCEPTION
Beta <sup>7</sup>	0.77	0.72
Fund Volatility <sup>8</sup>	12.0%	12.4%
Index Volatility	15.2%	15.6%

**SECTOR ALLOCATIONS<sup>9</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 Class 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.

The S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index is a Canadian dollar denominated, capitalization-weighted index that includes the largest float-adjusted stocks trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange, subject to inclusion criteria. The index provides the broadest representation of market-weighted returns for large capitalization Canadian-listed stocks, including reinvested dividends, making it an appropriate index for diversified portfolios that invest primarily in Canadian stocks, such as the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund. Contact Veritas Asset Management Inc. for more information regarding comparative indices.

1. Firm AUM includes the AUM of the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund, the Veritas Absolute Return Fund, and the Veritas Next Edge Premium Yield Fund, as at July 31, 2023. The Veritas Next Edge Premium Yield Fund is sub-advised by Veritas Asset Management Inc., and managed by Next Edge Capital Corp.
2. Related Parties AUM includes all parties related to the Manager in all series or classes of all Veritas Asset Management Inc. Funds, as at July 31, 2023.
3. Source: Refinitiv, Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Portfolio weights refer to end of day weights for period ending July 31, 2023.
4. Source: Refinitiv. Class F Inception Date: May 1, 2018. Portfolio weights refer to end of day weights for period ending July 31, 2023. Time periods greater than 1 year are annualized.
5. Source: Refinitiv. Class F Inception Date: May 1, 2018. Performance as of July 31, 2023.
6. Source: Refinitiv, Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates, for period ending July 31, 2023. Class F Inception Date: May 1, 2018. Benchmark is the S&P/TSX Composite Index.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Source: Refinitiv, Veritas Asset Management Inc. estimates. Portfolio weights refer to end of day weights for period ending July 31, 2023.

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