



# VERITAS CANADIAN EQUITY FUND

## Management Report of Fund Performance

The annual Management Report of Fund Performance contains financial highlights but does not contain the complete annual financial statements of the Investment Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2023



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This Management Report of Fund Performance represents the portfolio management team's view of the significant factors and developments affecting the investment fund's performance and outlook for year ended December 31, 2023, the investment fund's annual year end. Every effort has been made to ensure the information contained in this Management Report of Fund Performance is accurate and complete, however, the investment fund cannot guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of this material. For more information, please refer to the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund's Simplified Prospectus ("Prospectus"). In this report, "Manager", refers to Veritas Asset Management Inc., the Manager of the Fund. The "Fund" refers to the Veritas Canadian Equity Fund. In addition, "net asset value" or "NAV" refers to the value of the Fund as calculated for transaction purposes, on which the Fund performance is based. All dollar figures are reported in Canadian dollars and are expressed in millions, unless otherwise indicated.

#### Investment Objective and Strategies

The investment objective of the Fund is to earn enhanced risk-adjusted returns relative to the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index, generating long-term capital appreciation for Unitholders from an investment portfolio comprised primarily of Canadian-listed corporate securities.

To achieve the investment objective, the Fund will invest primarily in the securities of publicly traded Canadian companies but may also invest in other securities. The Fund will invest in a concentrated portfolio of securities selected by the Manager based in part on the recommendations of Veritas Investment Research Corporation, drawing on fundamental analysis that uses forensic accounting-based principles. In constructing the investment portfolio of the Fund, the Manager will seek to minimize volatility and may use options to reduce downside risk. The Fund may invest up to 30% of its investment portfolio in the securities of U.S. issuers, but will not invest in the securities of non-North American issuers.

#### Risk

The risks associated with investing in the Fund remain as discussed in the Prospectus. The Fund is suitable for investors looking for a medium level of risk that is based on a research-driven, concentrated portfolio of Canadian Companies with a medium to longer term investment horizon.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund met its risk objectives and maintained its risk level within the operating parameters set out in the Prospectus. The overall level of Fund risk and investor risk tolerance remain as stated in the Prospectus.

#### Results of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2023, Class A units posted a total return of 6.45%, Class F units 7.65% and Class I units 8.80%. The Fund's benchmark is the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return "S&P/TSX TR" Index which returned 11.75%. It is important to note that the Fund's return is net of fees and expenses for professional management, while the benchmark does not have such costs.

The Fund's 2023 performance relative to the S&P/TSX Composite was primarily due to the Fund's defensive positioning, with overweight positions in Consumer Staples and Utilities and underweight exposure to Information Technology stocks. Over the year, the fund tracked a very low Beta to the S&P/TSX Composite, at 0.69, and 26% lower volatility than the index.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Fund's Assets Under Management (AUM) decreased to \$30.9 million from \$36.3 million on December 31, 2022, as a result of net redemptions.

The net assets of the Fund Class A units increased by 4.4% from \$2.8 million on December 31, 2022 to \$2.9 million on December 31, 2023. The change was due to fund returns net of redemptions.

The net assets of the Fund Class F units decreased by 18.4% from \$31.0 million on December 31, 2022 to \$25.3 million on December 31, 2023. The change was due to net redemptions.

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The net assets of the Fund Class I units increased by 10.79% from \$2.5 million on December 31, 2022 to \$2.7 million on December 31, 2023. This change was the result of fund returns and net subscriptions.

The NAV per unit of the Fund's Class A units increased by 2.07% from \$12.71 on December 31, 2022 to \$12.97 on December 31, 2023. The NAV per unit of the Fund's Class F units increased by 1.60% from \$12.98 on December 31, 2022 to \$13.19 on December 31, 2023. The NAV per unit of the Fund's Class I units increased by 2.59% from \$12.51 on December 31, 2022 to \$12.84 on December 31, 2023.

The investment performance of the Fund includes income and expenses, which may vary year over year. The Fund's income and expenses changed throughout the year, mainly because of fluctuations in average net assets, portfolio activity, and changes in the Fund's investments.

### Recent Developments

Entering 2023, we adjusted our holdings in anticipation of slowing inflation and an eventual pause in central bank rate hikes. We remained defensively positioned on the view that the negative effects of higher interest rates would take time to work their way through the global economy.

Global indices were up sharply in 2023 as market sentiment improved, tied to slowing inflation, strong labour markets and sustained consumer spending.

We would argue that much of the expansion traces back to extreme levels of deficit spending in the U.S. which spurred consumer activity and the overall economy. The risk remains that debt-funded spending complicates the fight against inflation and drives long term rates higher.

We think caution is warranted in 2024. In our view, current economic conditions and the narrow breadth of the market increase the risk of a material draw down. The late stages of a business cycle are often characterized by low unemployment, above trend inflation and rising long-term bond rates. We may be near a turning point.

As always, we remain focused on managing market volatility, preserving capital and seeking out the best opportunities to drive returns.

### Related Party Transactions

The Manager receives a management fee calculated daily as a percentage of the net asset value of each applicable class of Units that comprise the Fund and payable on the last business day of the month. The management fee may vary from class to class and will be deducted as an expense of the applicable class of the Fund. The management fee is subject to applicable taxes, such as HST. The management fee for each of the applicable class of Units is as follows:

- Class A: 1.95% per annum of the net asset value of Class A units of the Fund calculated daily and payable on the last business day of the month.
- Class F: 0.95% per annum of the net asset value of Class F units of the Fund calculated daily and payable on the last business day of the month.
- Class I: Negotiated by the investor and paid directly by the investor. The management fee rate will not exceed the management fee payable on Class F units of the Fund.

### Expense Reimbursement

Expense reimbursement by the Manager during the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$3,801 (2022: \$6,101), out of which \$nil was receivable as of December 31, 2023 (2022: \$nil).

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#### Ownership

As of December 31, 2023, 216,545 units (2022: 203,008) of Class F were owned by parties related to the Manager.

The following tables show selected key financial information about the Class A, Class F and I units of the Fund, respectively, and are intended to help explain the Fund's financial performance for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019. The information shown assumes that all distributions made by the Fund in the year shown were reinvested in additional securities of the Fund and does not consider sales, redemptions, distributions or other optional charges that would have reduced returns or performance. Past performance does not necessarily indicate how the Fund will perform in the future.

<b>The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class A Unit (1)</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$12.71</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$10.78</b>	<b>\$11.46</b>	<b>\$9.78</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.83	0.38	0.32	0.28	0.31
Total expenses	(0.41)	(0.39)	(0.39)	(0.33)	(0.42)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.41	0.11	1.73	(1.19)	0.54
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.01)	(0.38)	0.60	0.43	1.15
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>	<b>\$0.82</b>	<b>\$(0.28)</b>	<b>\$2.26</b>	<b>\$(0.81)</b>	<b>\$1.58</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	-	(0.01)	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.55)	(0.01)	(0.20)	-	(0.09)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions (2) (3)</b>	<b>\$(0.55)</b>	<b>\$(0.02)</b>	<b>\$(0.20)</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$(0.09)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of year (2)</b>	<b>\$12.97</b>	<b>\$12.71</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$10.78</b>	<b>\$11.46</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>					
Total net asset value (4)	\$2,946,995	\$2,821,871	\$2,283,810	\$1,023,242	\$890,788
Number of units outstanding (4)	227,215	222,080	175,699	94,933	77,697
Management expense ratio (5)	3.14%	3.09%	3.19%	3.25%	3.73%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	3.16%	3.12%	3.51%	4.00%	3.75%
Trading expense ratio (6)	0.10%	0.09%	0.17%	0.10%	0.07%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	263.11%	183.43%	262.00%	251.95%	162.40%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$12.97</b>	<b>\$12.71</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>	<b>\$10.78</b>	<b>\$11.46</b>

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class F Unit (1)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$12.98</b>	<b>\$13.16</b>	<b>\$10.73</b>	<b>\$11.29</b>	<b>\$9.60</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.88	0.38	0.31	0.28	0.29
Total expenses	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.25)	(0.21)	(0.26)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.42	0.16	1.76	(1.13)	0.47
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	0.03	0.01	0.69	0.38	0.96
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>	<b>\$1.06</b>	<b>\$0.30</b>	<b>\$2.51</b>	<b>\$(0.68)</b>	<b>\$1.46</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.08)	(0.04)	-	-	-
From capital gains	(0.66)	(0.01)	(0.13)	-	(0.26)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions (2) (3)</b>	<b>\$(0.74)</b>	<b>\$(0.05)</b>	<b>\$(0.13)</b>	<b>\$-</b>	<b>\$(0.26)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of year (2)</b>	<b>\$13.19</b>	<b>\$12.98</b>	<b>\$13.16</b>	<b>\$10.73</b>	<b>\$11.29</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>					
Total net asset value (4)	\$25,252,366	\$30,963,349	\$18,564,724	\$11,690,068	\$8,647,428
Number of units outstanding (4)	1,914,759	2,385,362	1,410,682	1,089,175	766,042
Management expense ratio (5)	2.02%	1.96%	2.06%	2.12%	2.32%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	2.03%	1.98%	2.40%	2.89%	3.43%
Trading expense ratio (6)	0.10%	0.09%	0.17%	0.10%	0.07%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	263.11%	183.43%	262.00%	251.95%	162.40%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$13.19</b>	<b>\$12.98</b>	<b>\$13.16</b>	<b>\$10.73</b>	<b>\$11.29</b>

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The Fund's Net Asset Value (NAV) per Class I Unit (1)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
<b>Net asset value, beginning of year</b>	<b>\$12.51</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	<b>\$10.31</b>	<b>\$10.52</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Increase (decrease) from operations:</b>					
Total revenue	0.82	0.37	0.30	0.18	0.21
Total expenses	(0.12)	(0.11)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.09)
Realized gains (losses) for the year	0.41	0.14	1.74	(1.91)	0.34
Unrealized gains (losses) for the year	(0.01)	(0.39)	0.67	(1.44)	0.35
<b>Total increase (decrease) from operations (2)</b>	<b>\$1.10</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>	<b>\$2.59</b>	<b>\$(3.24)</b>	<b>\$0.81</b>
<b>Distributions:</b>					
From income (excluding dividends)	-	-	-	-	-
From dividends	(0.14)	(0.11)	(0.28)	(0.10)	(0.12)
From capital gains	(0.63)	(0.01)	-	-	(0.23)
Return of capital	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total distributions (2) (3)</b>	<b>\$(0.77)</b>	<b>\$(0.12)</b>	<b>\$(0.28)</b>	<b>\$(0.10)</b>	<b>\$(0.35)</b>
<b>Net asset value, end of year (2)</b>	<b>\$12.84</b>	<b>\$12.51</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	<b>\$10.31</b>	<b>\$10.52</b>
<b>Ratios and Supplemental Data</b>					
Total net asset value (4)	\$2,747,797	\$2,480,177	\$2,479,907	\$1,817,977	\$8,703,749
Number of units outstanding (4)	214,041	198,191	196,421	176,262	827,096
Management expense ratio (5)	0.96%	0.91%	1.00%	0.68%	0.85%
Management expense ratio before waivers or absorptions	0.97%	0.94%	1.35%	0.77%	1.03%
Trading expense ratio (6)	0.10%	0.09%	0.17%	0.10%	0.07%
Portfolio turnover rate (7)	263.11%	183.43%	262.00%	251.95%	162.40%
<b>Net asset value per unit</b>	<b>\$12.84</b>	<b>\$12.51</b>	<b>\$12.63</b>	<b>\$10.31</b>	<b>\$10.52</b>

#### Notes:

- (1) This information is derived from the Fund's audited financial statements for December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019, and is not a reconciliation of beginning and ending net assets per unit.
- (2) Net assets and distributions are based on the actual number of units outstanding at the relevant time. The increase (decrease) from operations is based on the weighted average number of units outstanding over the financial year.
- (3) Distributions were paid in cash or automatically reinvested in additional units of the Fund, or both.
- (4) This information is provided as at December 31, 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020 and 2019.
- (5) Management expense ratio is based on total expenses (excluding distributions and commissions and other portfolio transaction costs) for the stated year and is expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the year.
- (6) The trading expense ratio represents total commissions and other portfolio transaction costs expressed as an annualized percentage of daily average NAV during the year. Included in the trading expense ratio are the forward fees.
- (7) The Fund's portfolio turnover rate indicates how actively the Fund's advisor manages its portfolio investments. A portfolio turnover rate of 100% is equivalent to the Fund buying and selling all of the units in its portfolio once in the course of the year. The higher a funds' portfolio turnover rate in the year, the greater the trading costs payable by the fund in the year, and the greater the chance of an investor receiving taxable capital gains in the year. There is not necessarily a relationship between a high turnover rate and the performance of a fund.

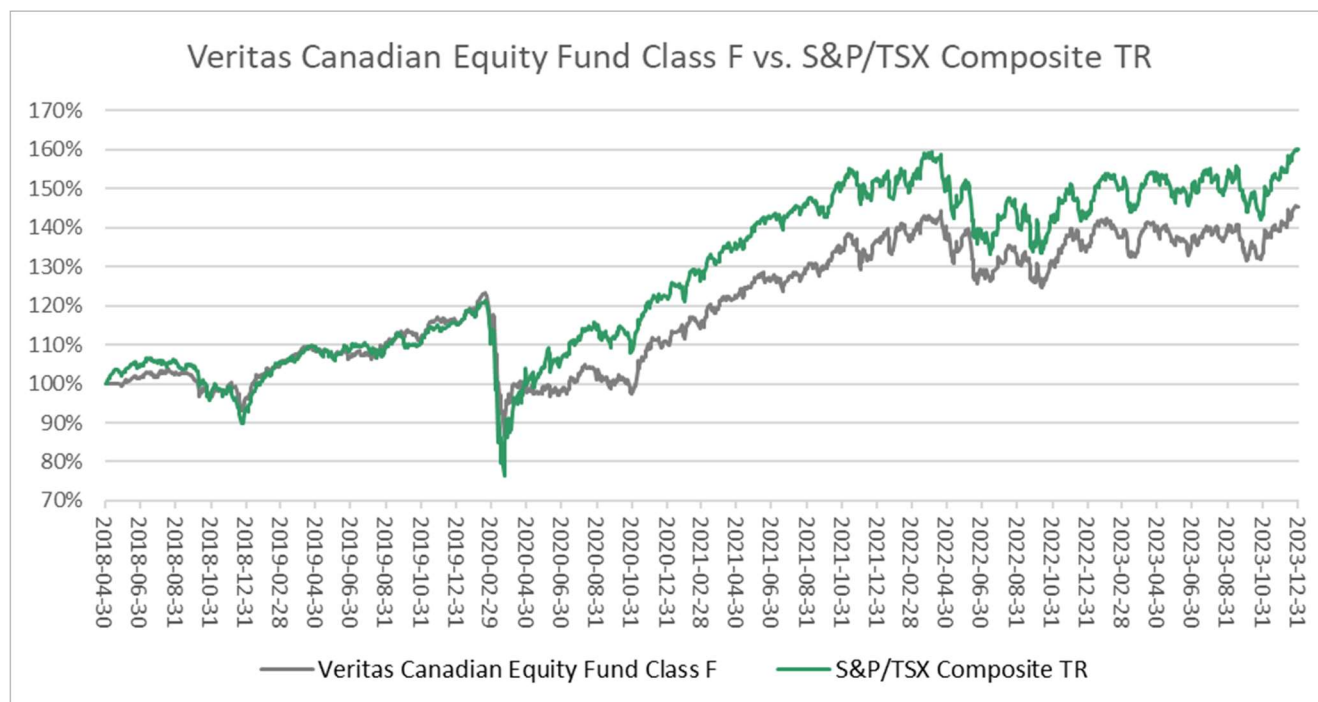
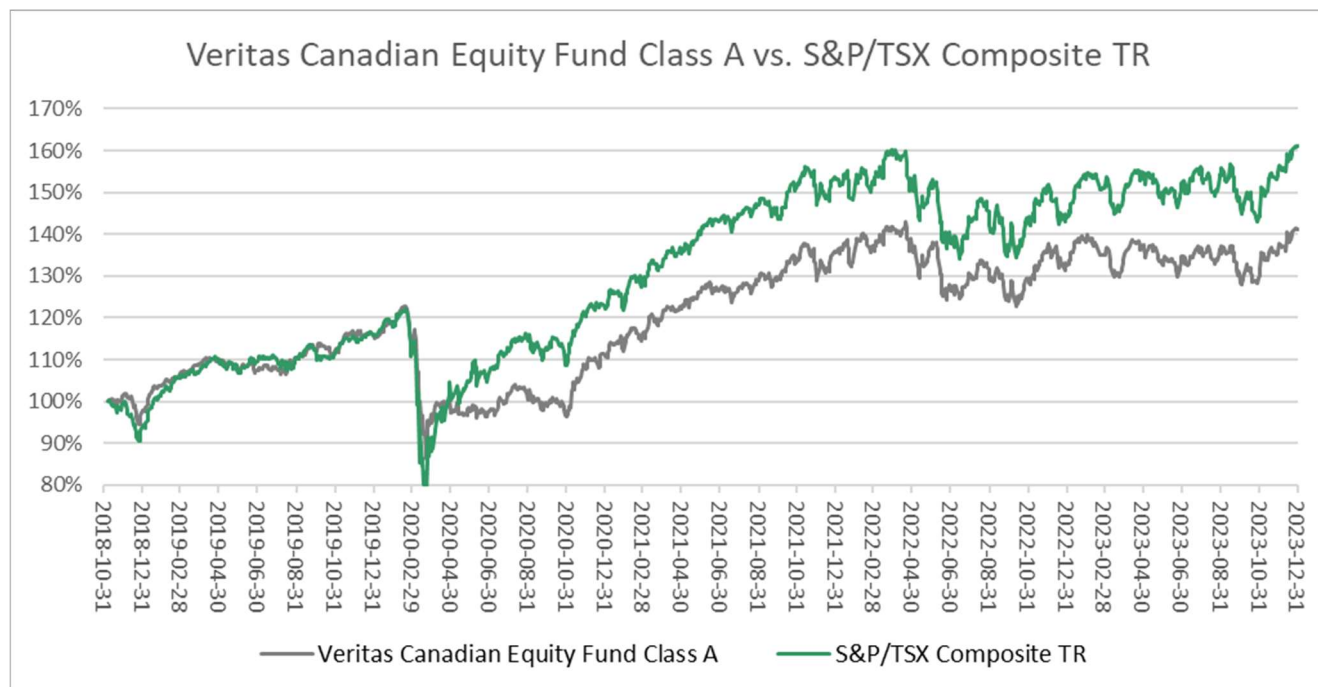
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### 2023 Returns

The following line charts show the Fund's performance by class through 2023 versus the benchmark.

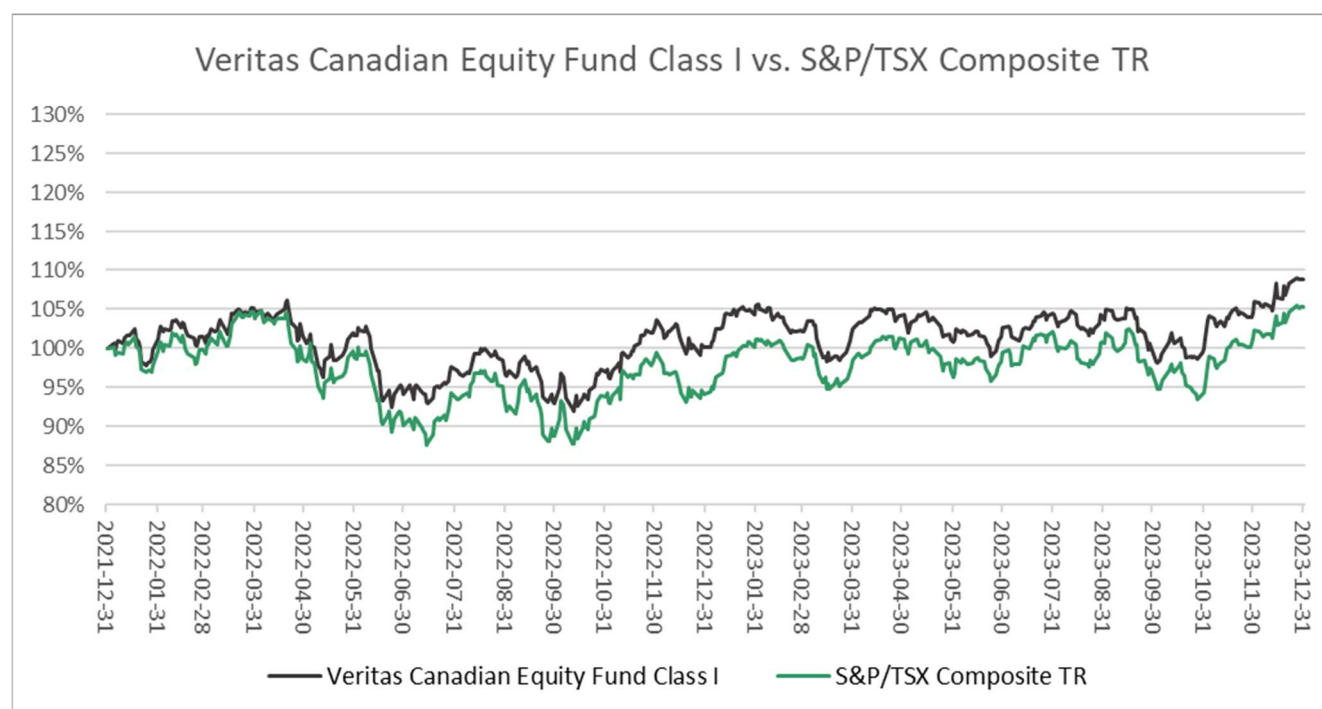




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### Benchmark Information

The benchmark of the Fund is the S&P/TSX Composite Total Return Index. The S&P/TSX Composite, with 225 constituents, is the benchmark Canadian index, representing approximately 78% coverage of stocks listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, as measured by market capitalization.

### Annual Compound Returns

The table below presents performance for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	From January 1, 2023	From January 1, 2022
<b>Fund, Class A</b>	6.45%	-2.09%
<b>Fund, Class F</b>	7.65%	-0.99%
<b>Fund, Class I</b>	8.80%	0.07%
<b>INDEX</b>	11.75%	-5.84%

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The following tables show selected key financial information about the Fund and is intended to assist in the understanding of the Fund's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Portfolio Composition		Top 25 Holdings	
Sector Allocation	% of Net Asset Value	Issuer	% of Net Asset Value
<b>Consumer Staples</b>		<b>LONG POSITIONS</b>	
Consumer Staples	10.0%	Manulife Financial Corp.	4.3%
Energy	17.4%	Canadian Pacific Kansas City Ltd.	4.1%
Utilities	6.9%	Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd.	4.1%
Industrials	15.2%	RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	4.0%
Information Technology	7.2%	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	3.9%
Financials	12.4%	goeasy Ltd.	3.7%
Consumer Discretionary	12.3%	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	3.5%
Communication Services	4.8%	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	3.4%
Real Estate	4.0%	Rogers Communications Inc.	3.3%
Cash and cash equivalent	0.8%	Bombardier Inc.	3.2%
Materials	8.9%	Constellation Software Inc.	3.2%
Other assets and liabilities	0.1%	Air Canada	3.1%
		Magna International Inc.	3.1%
<b>Total Portfolio Allocation</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	Restaurant Brands International Inc.	3.0%
		AltaGas Ltd.	3.0%
<b>Total Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$ 29,812,770</b>	Alimentation Couche-Tard Inc.	2.9%
		TFI International Inc.	2.7%
		TC Energy Corp.	2.6%
		Shopify Inc.	2.6%
		Great-West Lifeco Inc.	2.5%
		Enbridge Inc.	2.4%
		Suncor Energy Inc.	2.4%
		Cenovus Energy Inc.	2.3%
		Tourmaline Oil Corp.	2.3%
		Aritzia Inc.	2.2%
		<b>Total % of Net Asset Value</b>	
		<b>Represented by Holdings</b>	<b>77.8%</b>