

# THE VERTEX FUND

**VERTEX ONE**  
Asset Management Inc.

- An Authentic Alternative -

Since Inception Return	Total Cumulative Return	Percent Positive Months	Annualized Alpha (Return above S&P 500)
12.76%	1072.68%	67.48%	9.48%

## Investment Objectives

The principal objective is the growth of capital in excess of benchmarks and to preserve capital throughout an economic cycle. The management team takes an opportunistic approach to investing while employing a broad range of strategies to diversify the portfolio and drive results on a consistent basis.

## Investment Strategy

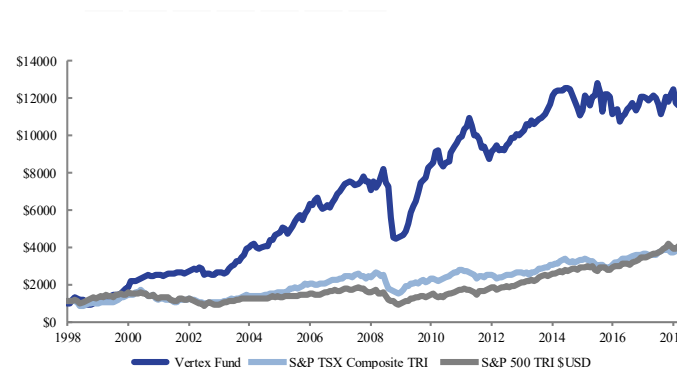
The portfolio has an event-driven focus, wherein catalysts are identified that will likely have an impact on a company's stock price or capital structure. Throughout an economic cycle, different strategies will provide more favourable risk/reward trade-offs, permitting opportunities for reallocating capital. Fundamental analysis is the cornerstone of the team's skill set, but the investment strategies include: merger arbitrage, convertible arbitrage, high yield debt, capital structure arbitrage, fundamental longs, shorts, options and other special situations.

## Performance (Net of all fees and include reinvested distributions)

### Comparison to Benchmarks

	Fund	S&P 500 TRI (\$USD)	S&P/TSX Composite TRI
1 month	-2.51%	3.72%	1.15%
Year to date	-4.21%	6.47%	3.12%
1 year	0.23%	16.24%	11.74%
3 year	-2.94%	12.52%	7.48%
5 year	1.74%	13.12%	8.81%
10 year	4.64%	10.67%	4.99%
15 year	9.33%	9.44%	8.49%
Since Inception	12.76%	7.28%	6.42%
Cumulative Return	1072.68%	322.63%	301.15%

### Growth of \$1,000 Since Inception



## Calendar Year Returns

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
<b>Vertex Fund</b>	-4.21%	1.55%	-0.07%	8.67%	-5.09%	16.47%	14.78%	-11.70%	19.46%	84.18%	-40.25%	9.99%	14.72%	27.12%	20.20%	48.91%
<b>S&amp;P 500 (\$USD)</b>	6.47%	21.83%	11.96%	1.38%	13.69%	32.39%	16.00%	2.11%	15.06%	26.46%	-37.00%	5.49%	15.79%	4.91%	10.88%	28.68%
<b>S&amp;P/TSX</b>	3.12%	9.10%	21.08%	-8.32%	10.55%	12.99%	7.19%	-8.71%	17.61%	35.05%	-33.00%	9.83%	17.26%	24.13%	14.48%	26.72%

<b>Firm Assets</b>	\$1.24 Billion
<b>Fund Assets</b>	\$375 Million
<b>Type of Fund</b>	Opportunistic
<b>RSP Eligible</b>	Yes
<b>Pricing Schedule</b>	Monthly
<b>Offer Document</b>	Offering Memorandum
<b>Lock up</b>	No
<b>Redemption Fee</b>	On DSC Class
<b>High water mark</b>	Yes
<b>Performance Fee</b>	20% of the amount above the high water mark
<b>Management Fee</b>	B: 2% F: 1%
<b>Fund Codes</b>	VRT 301(F), VRT 302(B) VRT 303(DSC)
<b>Administration/Trustee</b>	CIBC Mellon
<b>Prime Broker</b>	TD Securities Inc.
<b>Auditor</b>	PriceWaterhouseCoopers
<b>Inception Date</b>	February 6, 1998
<b>NAVPU - Class A</b>	\$65.5345
<b>NAVPU - Class B</b>	\$9.3591
<b>NAVPU - Class F</b>	\$62.2584

**Portfolio Manager**  
John Thiessen

Mr. John Thiessen is a founding partner and director of Vertex One Asset Management. Mr. Thiessen has overall responsibility for the investment and trading decisions affecting the Vertex Fund. He has operated as the lead manager of the Vertex Fund since its inception on February 6, 1998. Mr. Thiessen has significant investment experience with over 25 years of equity, fixed income and arbitrage investing. Mr. Thiessen holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and is a member of the CFA Institute and CFA Society of Vancouver.

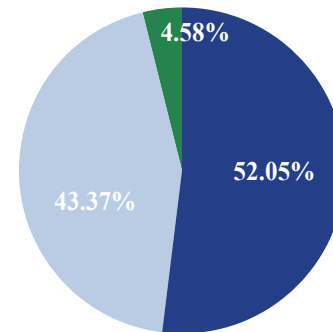
**First Quarter Commentary**

On our last quarterly note, we mentioned that we could see the departures of Cohn and Tillerson in 2018. We based our analysis on human behaviour through motivation. As we believe these individuals, much like Hank Paulson, took these positions based on tax incentives received for working in the White House.

We see the same behaviour these past few years in the oil patch. With near term oil futures now trading at a 5 percent premium over the price of oil one year out, it has had a startling effect on inventory numbers. Traditionally, one could keep oil in a tanker and lock in a 5 percent gain by selling it one year later. Now, you pay a penalty for keeping oil in storage, which has depleted inventories on a global basis. Any shock to the system now will cause higher, faster oil prices. We have waited long enough in our portfolios, with our currently large 40 percent energy weight. Although our patience has been worn thin, we think the rewards are around the corner.

Over the last few years, an overweight exposure to oil & gas has dragged on our performance. We held our real estate positions for years before realizing gains on these holdings. Our perspective today is similar for our oil & gas positions - which currently represent 40% of the portfolio.

**Geographic Allocation**



■ Canada ■ EUR ■ United States

	Fund	S&P 500	TSX TRI
Std. Deviation	16.07%	14.80%	14.44%
Sharpe Ratio	0.70	0.41	0.40

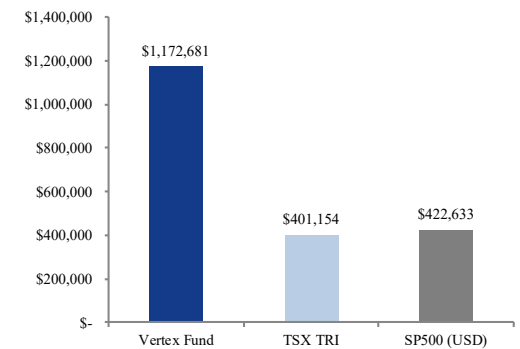
rf = LIBOR, 1M, USD

	Relative to S&P TSX	Relative to S&P 500
Monthly Alpha	0.63%	0.76%
Annualized Alpha	7.78%	9.48%
Beta	0.75	0.53
Correlation	0.67	0.48

**Net Strategy Allocations**

Strategy	Long	Short	Net
Long/Short	89.86	-4.42	85.44
Merger Arbitrage	11.44	0.00	11.44
High Yield	8.15	-1.96	6.19
Private	5.56	0.00	5.56
Capital Structure Arb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convert Arbitrage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Spin Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Special Sits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outright Shorts	0.00	-1.68	-1.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>115.01</b>	<b>-8.06</b>	<b>106.95</b>

**Total Cumulative Return of \$100,000**



**15-Year, Historical Monthly Performance**

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003
Jan	1.82%	0.26%	-7.42%	2.49%	3.90%	0.84%	4.24%	0.46%	1.14%	1.73%	-5.85%	2.29%	6.27%	1.54%	1.45%	1.61%
Feb	-5.55%	-0.46%	1.56%	6.85%	1.44%	1.73%	1.90%	3.61%	1.82%	2.35%	6.67%	2.42%	-0.86%	6.28%	4.80%	0.08%
Mar	-1.39%	-1.17%	0.34%	-1.45%	0.62%	3.13%	1.61%	1.62%	6.92%	4.00%	-4.43%	2.67%	4.28%	-2.02%	0.49%	-2.37%
Apr	0.46%	1.18%	-5.59%	-3.07%	0.22%	-0.93%	-2.47%	4.51%	0.80%	8.07%	2.09%	1.56%	1.52%	-4.36%	-4.11%	3.21%
May	7.40%	0.86%	2.74%	3.88%	-0.35%	2.57%	0.51%	-3.86%	-7.25%	11.40%	5.42%	0.92%	-6.34%	4.09%	-1.29%	6.66%
Jun	-3.98%	-0.98%	0.92%	0.61%	1.39%	-1.86%	-0.56%	-5.23%	-2.54%	5.43%	5.28%	-1.42%	-2.83%	3.51%	0.65%	3.29%
Jul	-2.51%	-2.61%	2.45%	5.66%	-0.27%	1.55%	3.25%	0.34%	2.42%	5.02%	-9.08%	-1.42%	1.53%	5.28%	2.81%	3.77%
Aug		-4.65%	0.98%	-3.56%	-0.33%	1.40%	1.25%	-2.00%	1.04%	6.72%	-2.65%	0.79%	2.01%	4.06%	-0.50%	6.06%
Sep		3.70%	1.75%	-8.67%	-2.72%	0.62%	2.36%	-5.03%	5.09%	7.26%	-22.58%	1.98%	-2.51%	2.05%	7.51%	0.32%
Oct		4.21%	-3.12%	8.08%	-2.98%	1.53%	0.32%	0.65%	4.11%	2.39%	-19.91%	3.23%	4.95%	-4.45%	0.92%	6.08%
Nov		-2.09%	2.36%	0.32%	-2.45%	2.25%	1.86%	-3.54%	1.74%	1.86%	-1.47%	-3.29%	2.48%	5.86%	5.55%	4.32%
Dec		3.71%	3.67%	-1.51%	-3.42%	2.64%	-0.23%	-3.30%	3.36%	6.89%	1.59%	0.05%	4.07%	3.19%	0.81%	7.96%
Year	-4.21%	1.55%	-0.07%	8.67%	-5.09%	16.47%	14.78%	-11.70%	19.46%	84.18%	-40.25%	9.99%	14.72%	27.12%	20.20%	48.91%

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**Corporate Profile**

We are an independent investment firm that seeks to offer investors a different approach to fund management, one based on capital preservation in both good and bad markets. Through seven funds we offer investors a full spectrum of risk and return profiles, actively managed by asset class and strategy exposure. Vertex employees are collectively the largest investors across its funds.

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