

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)
13.66%	1101.41%	68.67%	10.63%

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

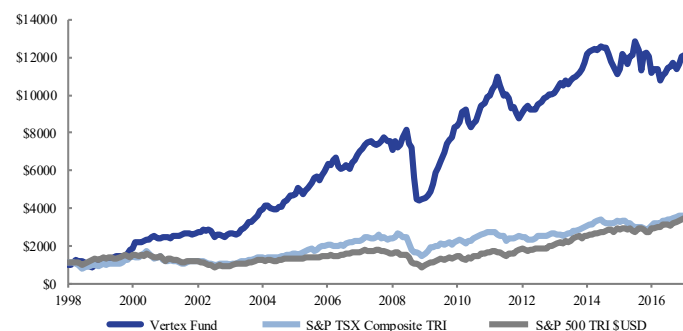
The portfolio has an event-driven focus, wherein catalysts are identified that will likely have an impact on a company's stock price or capital structure. Throughout an economic cycle, different strategies will provide more favourable risk/reward trade-offs, permitting opportunities for reallocating 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	-0.98%	0.62%	-0.75%
Year to date	-0.34%	9.34%	0.74%
1 year	7.84%	17.90%	11.05%
3 year	-1.47%	9.61%	3.08%
5 year	5.47%	14.63%	8.74%
10 year	4.90%	7.18%	3.89%
15 year	10.07%	8.34%	7.95%
Since Inception	13.66%	6.76%	6.19%
Cumulative Return	1101.41%	256.26%	259.21%

Growth of \$1,000 Since Inception



Calendar Year Returns

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Vertex Fund	-0.34%	-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%	-2.44%
S&P 500 (\$USD)	9.34%	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%	-22.10%
S&P/TSX	0.74%	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%	-12.44%

Firm Assets	\$1.37 Billion
Fund Assets	\$575 Million
Type of Fund	Opportunistic
RSP Eligible	Yes
Pricing Schedule	Monthly
Offer Document	Offering Memorandum
Lock up	No
Redemption Fee	On DSC Class
High water mark	Yes
Performance Fee	20% of the amount above the high water mark
Management Fee	B: 2% F: 1%
Fund Codes	VRT 301(F), VRT 302(B) VRT 303(DSC)
Administration/Trustee	CIBC Mellon
Prime Broker	TD Securities Inc.
Auditor	PriceWaterhouseCoopers
Inception Date	February 6, 1998
NAVPU - Class A	\$67.1401
NAVPU - Class B	\$9.7016
NAVPU - Class F	\$63.7855

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

When the world's largest economy does well, we all prosper. The Trump election has seen a sea change in terms of business optimism. One benefactor of this has been the proposed reduction in rules for how banks operate. This has rewarded our position in JPMorgan bank warrants. Perhaps JPMorgan's chairman and CEO, Jamie Dimon, said it best in his annual report with four keys factors: business optimism is at record levels, we are in a deregulation environment, there is a pro-business administration, and most importantly, companies are hiring again.

This is happening at a time when as recently as last year the United States had over 160 companies in the oil and gas sector declaring bankruptcy – the most bankruptcies since 2008. The Vertex Fund has been taking advantage of these restructurings. We currently have a 30% weight in energy; most of these holdings have been, or are in the process of being, restructured.

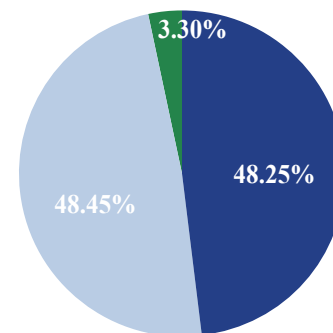
We recently participated with management in a recapitalization of PetroShale Resources where the majority of debt was converted to equity. This Canadian company, with all of their assets in the US (and like Lilis Energy not subject to any border tax issues), has smartly been adding to its land position while waiting to drill, so as not to give away their strategic strength based on well results. They have partnered with best in class, EOG Resources, in North Dakota; this should allow them to triple production over the next two years without any exploration risk.

15-Year, Historical Monthly Performance

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
Jan	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%	1.82%
Feb	-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%	0.96%
Mar	-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%	3.26%
Apr	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%	-2.13%
May	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%	4.23%
Jun	-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%	-2.23%
Jul		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%	-11.93%
Aug		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%	4.01%
Sep		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%	-0.94%
Oct		-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%	-1.54%
Nov		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%	-1.90%
Dec		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%	5.16%
Year	-0.34%	-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%	-2.44%

This statistical information is intended to provide you with information about the Vertex Fund. Advertised performance is based on Class A shares. Important information about the Fund is contained in the Offering Memorandum which should be read carefully before investing. You can obtain an offering memorandum from Vertex One Asset Management Inc. The Offering Memorandum for Vertex One Asset Management Inc.'s investment funds does not constitute an offer or solicitation to anyone in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation is not authorized or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. The indicated rates of return are the historical compounded returns for the period indicated, including changes in security value and the reinvestment of all distributions and do not take into account income taxes payable that would have reduced returns. The funds are not guaranteed; their values change frequently and past performance may not be repeated.

Geographic Allocation



■ Canada ■ EUR ■ United States

	Fund	S&P 500	TSX TRI
Std. Deviation	16.18%	15.07%	14.77%
Sharpe Ratio	0.81	0.44	0.45

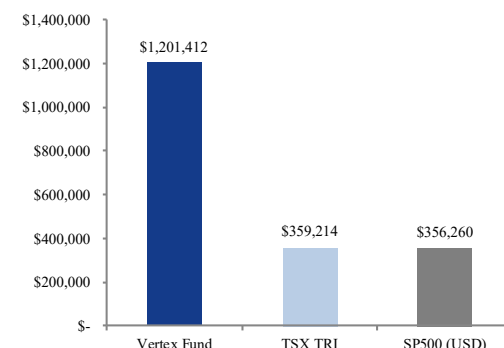
rf = LIBOR, 1M, USD

	Relative to S&P TSX	Relative to S&P 500
Monthly Alpha	0.71%	0.85%
Annualized Alpha	8.82%	10.63%
Beta	0.74	0.53
Correlation	0.68	0.49

Net Strategy Allocations

Strategy	Long	Short	Net
Long/Short	79.38	-0.89	78.49
Merger Arbitrage	15.62	-0.76	14.86
High Yield	12.54	-3.31	9.23
Private	4.74	0.00	4.74
Capital Structure Arb.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Convert Arbitrage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Euro. Currency Hedge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Special Sits	0.00	0.00	0.00
Outright Shorts	0.00	-7.98	-7.98
Total	112.36	-12.94	99.42

Total Cumulative Return of \$100,000



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 six 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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